



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

Minutes of the Meeting

12th February 2020 at 7pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Cllrs Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Deputy Mayor Ms Sandra Lilley, Mrs Lisa Greasley, Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Jenny Borer, Mr Peter Cook, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Kate Tripp, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ian Telford, Fiona Wilkinson and Mike Stafford, Mrs Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Tim Shearer, Grania Nicholson, Catherine Musetti. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Representatives from Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights. SLDC/CCC Councillors: Kevin Holmes, Andrew Jarvis, Jim Bland, Brian Rendell, Ben Berry and 3 members of the public. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
143.	<p>Apologies and absence: Apologies: Cllr Alan Hands, SLDC/CCC Cllrs Dyan Jones & Ben Berry</p>
144.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th January 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
145.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The planning minutes of 29th January 2020 were accepted by Council and questions answered by the Chair, Cllr Jenny Borer.</p>
146.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Cllr Adrian Legge in agenda item 15 (b) as a Director of the Lakes Flying Company. Cllr Peter Hamilton in agenda item 15 (a) as Rear Commodore of Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club.</p>
147.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: Cllr Adrian Legge was granted leave to speak during the discussion on item 15 (b) to set out certain technical issues. He did not vote on this item.</p>
148.	<p>Bowness & Windermere Winter Lights : Representatives from the community group attended (Keith and Nicky Hastie). They set out some of the challenges for this year moving forward. This included the desire to have more lights in the Bowness area and the need to establish ownership of various buildings/lamp-posts to erect lights on them (the Clerk offered to help with this). There is a general need for more volunteers and support and help is needed. The Mayor offered to help with this by posting a request on the Town Council's facebook page. Help is also needed with Cherry Pickers and two councillors who have access (Cllr Jim Bland and Fiona Wilkinson) offered to assist with this if needed.</p>
149.	<p>New Town Council Facebook page: Cllr Kate Tripp gave a brief overview presentation, which covered the background and history to facebook, an introduction to the Council's facebook site and the number of members (which total currently over 700). It was agreed that there needs to be a discussion as to how the site will be administered and maintained and this was referred to the Policy &</p>

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	Finance Advisory Group meeting on 19 th March.
150.	Public Input: NONE
151.	Mayor & Member Updates: <u>Cllr Legge</u> updated on the Lake Administration meeting recently attended with Cllr Borer. There was a report on the Lake Action Plan and the presentation of a draft 5 year budget. The Lake Wardens and Rangers gave their annual reports and it was announced that £50k will be invested in dredging works on the approaches to Ferry Nab. There was also an update on the debts owed for commercial leases and encroachment. <u>Cllr Mike Stafford:</u> drew attention to the state of some of the pavements in Windermere and a meeting he has set up with the County Council to bring the issues to their attention. This will also cover the problem with the coping stones at the Library, which are a clear hazard. <u>Cllr Greasley:</u> briefed on the progress being made by Windermere Endowed Schools to improve the footpath between Oldfield and Princes Roads. She raised the problem of the way in which the pavement outside Tesco has been re-instated. Beresford Road gardens are looking much better after stripping back and re-turfing by SLDC. Cllr Tim Shearer has agreed to take on the community bedding. She had met with a local resident to discuss ideas for the Community Garden behind the toilets at Bowness Bay and also with Nicola Metcalfe (SLDC) to discuss what is needed to improve the Glebe area. All in all, the plans are sound and should result in a much better display in the warmer months. <u>Cllr Musetti</u> raised the problem of the state of the cycle path between Windermere and Ings, which is strewn with broken branches after the recent weather. She was referred to the CCC Highways hotline or online reporting system. <u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Gave prior notice of the 5 th anniversary celebration of the Friends of the 597 Bus on 23 April at the Marchesi (10am). <u>Cllr Borer:</u> informed the council of the delighted reaction of the Mayor of Diessen to the new placing of the Bavarian Lion on the Glebe (photos were sent). Cllr Borer will be writing a thank-you letter to the Hydro Hotel for hosting the Lion for many years. <u>Cllr Tim Shearer:</u> had attended (with Cllr Khan) the Windermere Youth Project meeting, where the financial situation and the need for fund-raising was the prime topic. <u>Mayor Saunders:</u> had attended the 75 th commemoration of the Holocaust at Windermere Library, which was a moving and interesting event. He updated on the CCC Local Committee, where there had been local objections to changes to disabled parking in Kendal, some bus stop problems and road restrictions in Grange. It was agreed that all future funding from the area planning committee will be focused on Economic Development, Education and Skills, Travel and Accessibility and Health & Well Being, these being the top priorities for the area. There is unallocated grant resource of over £39k. It was agreed a separate group was needed to assess the impact of the SLDC structural changes. A report from Highways highlighted in year budget overspends and confirmed some restrictions on traffic in Kendal. Finally, a presentation from the Road Safety partnership highlighted 344 fatal accidents on Cumbria's roads in 2018. Mayor Saunders also attended a Sculpture Trail meeting with the Chamber of Trade, LDNPA

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	and National Trust. The project is still developing. He also presented the prize for the best dressed Christmas window to ADL Architects at the Chamber of Trade meeting, which had more than 30 people attending, which is a good sign. Finally, a very enjoyable evening was spent with the Air Cadets, demonstrating model aircraft.
152.	District & County Councillors' reports: Cllr Holmes: highlighted the fact that SLDC are starting consultation on the first stage of their Local Plan. Cllr Bland: talked about flooding issues in the Lythe Valley and will be attending a meeting on Windermere Ferry in the near future. Some further questions were asked about the roundabout in Bowness and pedestrian facilities.
153.	Clerk's Report: The Clerk had provided a written report which was noted and one further update given verbally on the Town Steward's report for January. This drew attention to the impact of the January wet weather on paths and flooding in Elleray Woods and the Town Steward has spent a lot of time dealing with these. He has been able to make a start on planters and Ellerthwaite Square garden prior to the re-emergence of spring growth. The Clerk also added a recent update from the Environment Agency about the work that is due to start soon at the War Memorial.
154.	Policy & Finance Advisory Group: The minutes of the meeting held on 23 rd January 2020 were noted and the following recommendations agreed: a) Approval of a grant to Bowness Bowling Club of £700 to assist with the purchase of mowing equipment; b) That the Clerk be authorized to place the order for the 4 CCTV cameras with Tellemachus and to enter Funding agreements with SLDC and the Police & Crime Commissioner for grant funding of £10k (SLDC) and £12k (PCC).
155.	Bowness & Windermere Forward (BWF): Small Grants: a) The contents of the report were discussed and the following was authorized: • That a small grant of £800 is made to Vinegar Jones to assist with street scene improvement. • That a small grant of £800 is made to The Elleray to assist with the painting programme which will benefit the street scene of the town. b) That Cllr Peter Hamilton be nominated as the Town Council representative on the board of BWF to replace Mayor Saunders.
156.	Finance: Councillors approved the payments set out on the agenda and the addition of the following: a) Town Steward amount of £1,205.74; b) Berry's Garden Services for Early maintenance payment for War Memorial gardens:

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	£1,083.02. c) Re-imburement of expenses to Cllr Lilley (£35).
157.	Windermere Lake Byelaw Exemption Applications: Councillors agreed to respond in favour of both applications (Windermere Motor Boat Racing Club events in 2020-2022 and Lakes Flying Company Ltd for September 2020 dates) and the Clerk was instructed to respond as such to the Lake District National Park.
158.	Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 26 th February 2020: Planning sub-committee; Wednesday 11 th March 2020: Full Council
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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