



# WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor Leith Hallatsch (in the chair), Deputy Mayor J Saunders, Cllrs Mrs L Greasley, Mrs JS Borer, Mr Ian Telford, Ms Sandra Lilly, Ms Grania Nicholson, Ms Magda Khan, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Mike Stafford, Mr Adrian Legge. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk), Bob Cartwright (Westmorland Red Squirrels) and 1 member of the public. The meeting opened at 7.00pm with a minute's silence, to remember Jim Morphet who passed away recently. The Mayor reminded the Chamber of Jim's work for the Council and his dedication to the community of Windermere.</p>
242.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Cllrs Ms Sandra Britton &amp; Ms Kathleen Atkinson; SLDC/CCC Cllrs David Williams, Ben Berry, Andrew Jarvis &amp; Dyan Jones</p>
243.	<p><b>Minutes:</b> It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>
244.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> Cllr Ian Telford in planning item 12 (a), as the applicants are friends. Cllr Adrian Legge in planning item 5284, as the applicants are friends. Cllr John Saunders in agenda item 6 as a member of the Red Squirrel Society. The Councillors remained in the Chamber for debate on these items but took no part in discussion or decision-making.</p>
245.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> NONE</p>
246.	<p><b>Elleray Woods Red Squirrels:</b> Bob Cartwright from the Westmorland Red Squirrel Society addressed the Council. He summarized the work of the charity, whose aim is to protect red squirrels from extinction in SE Cumbria. Red Squirrels are still seen in Windermere and have started to return to Elleray Woods, given the improvement in habitat created by the work of the Town Council in tree management. Skilled trappers of grey squirrels already enjoy access to Elleray Woods to trap and remove the grey squirrels. The charity ask the Town Council to extend its consent to trap by allowing discreet grey squirrel control by shooting at times when greys are reported to be present in the woods and trapping is less effective. The work would be undertaken by skilled and fully insured individuals. This proposal is supported by the LDNPA and SLDC and the National Trust have this arrangement on their neighbouring land. The charity attached a full risk assessment to their report. Councillors asked a number of questions, focusing on the time of day that shooting will take place, the numbers of grey squirrels and how any opposition is dealt with. Approval of the work was proposed by Cllr Legge and seconded by Cllr Greasley. This was approved and the Mayor thanked Mr Cartwright for his attendance.</p>

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247.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Lilley:</u> Will be attending the Well Being meeting on Thursday and will represent the Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> attended the CCC Local Committee, at which it was reported that Highways budgets for both revenue and capital will be over-spent for this financial year, mainly due to work carried forward as a result of floods damage. There is still a considerable amount of unallocated resources in the community grants budget, if any councillors have projects in the pipeline or ideas. There has been a positive report from OFSTED on Childrens' Services in the County, but fostering allocations are still a challenge.</p> <p>Also attended Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward, where there was an interesting and positive presentation from the project officer - Helen Moriarty, who is looking to organize events locally and will be coming to meet Town Council in the near future. Response to the Town Council's car parking report was, overall, positive, given the wide range of backgrounds of the participants. The question of who now puts the time in to take the proposals forward was discussed and it was proposed that Bowness &amp; Windermere Forward arrange a meeting of all the key players, on behalf of the Town Council. This was supported by Town Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley</u> voiced some concern about recent press articles, which seem to ignore the work of the Town Council in some important local initiatives. It was accepted that these articles tend to be political and that the Town Council is best avoiding this kind of publicity, but the Clerk agreed to write to the SLDC Leader and express concern.</p> <p><u>Cllr Borer</u> was unable to attend the Windermere Ferry meeting, due to snow, but it was noted that CCC already have our written consultation response. Will be attending the over 65s afternoon tea at Merewood and will ensure that any outcomes are linked to the Well Being group.</p> <p><u>Cllr Telford:</u> wished to raise with County Councillors the state of the verge on Rayrigg Road, which is in a disgraceful state, due to vehicles using the grass for u-turns. It would be improved by hard surfacing. Also Biskey Howe road and others are now riddled with pot-holes and a full CCC survey needs to be carried out as soon as possible. The Clerk agreed to pass these comments on to Cllr Ben Berry.</p> <p><u>Cllr Khan:</u> Attended the Chamber of Trade, who were very interested in the car park report and asked a number of questions that Cllr Saunders will deal with. The Chamber supported the Town Council's response on the proposed extension of the pedestrian zone on Ash Street. There are also signs that the proposed Sculpture Trail is being progressed.</p> <p><u>Mayor Hallatsch:</u> Attended the BWCCT toilet's sub-committee, which was a short meeting, but he was able to report that the Bowness Bay 25 year lease and 5 year funding agreement with SLDC have been signed by Town Council. The Trust are considering gates at Baddeley Clock toilets during winter months, to reduce incidence of anti-social behavior and the hole in the wall on the Quarry Rigg toilets has been repaired. The way in which water use at Braithwaite Fold is managed is still a concern for the Trust. The Clerk is working on revisions to the service agreement with the BWCCT and will have a first draft for consideration by Policy &amp; Finance in March.</p>
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248.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b> None in attendance but Cllr Jarvis had sent a written report, which confirmed the positive response that SLDC have made to the Town Council's car parking review.</p>
249.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b> The Clerk had submitted a written report to Councillors with the agenda and highlighted the following issues: A reminder that the Allotments AGM will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm at Langstone House and any councillors wishing to attend are very welcome. The railings on the access to Elleray Woods are now completed and are a big improvement. War Memorial disabled access - the Clerk and Cllr Christine Hallatsch had met Dave Fletcher from ADL that afternoon at the War Memorial to review his drawings for possible future disabled access. There is still a way to go with this project, but Council welcomed and appreciated the assistance from ADL. New requirements for year end and new external auditors - 2 hour webinar undertaken. Quotations are now been taken for the work on the water supply at the allotments and the Clerk will submit a report in due course. The Clerk added the following recent issues to her report: The latest report from United Utilities on progress with the waste water pipeline (still on schedule and work has ceased for half term). Temporary road closure at Craig Walk/Biskey Howe rd from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March for 9 days. Alternative route will be signposted. The Lake District Holocaust Project are looking for a suitable area to plant 300 trees planted in the Lake District to commemorate the 300 child Holocaust survivors. The LDNPA do not have a suitable site and a request has been put to the National Trust. If any councillors have ideas, please contact Trevor Avery direct. A request has been received, asking if any Town Councillors remember Langrigge Nursing Home, its location and present use. The Clerk will email several councillors. The Town Council has been informed that a petition is being arranged by local businesses and residents against the proposals to extend pedestrian hours of Ash Street.</p>
250.	<p><b>Finance:</b> Councillors approved the payments listed on the agenda with the following additions: Steve Hicks for completion of Elleray Woods railings: £2,000 (no VAT) Viking: Stamps, Cartridges and stationery order: £231.97 + £27.59 VAT (£259.56 total).</p>
251.	<p><b>Windermere Endowed Schools representation:</b> The Council agreed the following representation for the period February 2018 to February 2021: Cllrs Greasley and Saunders. There was no resolution about the third position, but it was agreed that it should be a current serving town councillor who is nominated.</p>

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252.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b>  The following recommendations were agreed:  <b>a)7/2018/5020: Yan Birk, Langdale Crescent, Windermere:</b> Single storey extension. <u>Recommend approval as this is a clear improvement.</u>  <b>b)7/2018/5023: South Fellside, Fellside, Kendal Road, Bowness:</b> Amend condition no 3 of planning approval to allow some design changes. <u>No comment due to some confusion over what exactly the changes are.</u>  <b>c)7/2017/5824: Crosses Barn, Windermere:</b> Proposed annex. <u>Recommend refusal. The design is out of keeping with the local area, especially the wooden structure in an area of old stone buildings.</u>  <b>d)7/2017/5860: 4 Helm Close, Windermere:</b> Proposed pair of semi-detached houses. <u>Recommend refusal on the basis that this development will exacerbate problems in this area for access and traffic. There is no parking provision whatsoever.</u>  <b>e)7/2018/5051: Beech Rock, Helm Road, Bowness:</b> Proposed roof lift to entire bungalow, to create additional bedrooms at new 1<sup>st</sup> floor level. <u>Recommend approval - this is a well thought out improvement.</u></p>
253.	<p><b>Tree Applications:</b>  The following are proposed works in the conservation area and consider if a tree preservation order is appropriate:  <b>a)T/2018/006: Windermere Hydro Hotel:</b> Remove 2 multi-stemmed conifers.  <b>b)T/2018/008: Biskey Howe Viewpoint:</b> Fell 1 diseased sycamore, fell 4 poplars, fell 3 sycamore, 1 oak and 1 beech.  <b>c)T/2018/009: Adjacent to 14, Priory Grange, Windermere:</b> Fell 2 Beech, Reduce stem 1 Beech, Remove limb and prune back 1 Beech, Remove oak sapling adjacent, crown lift 2 Beech, Coppice Oak and Hazel, Cut back Laurel and Hazel.  The following are proposed works to trees already covered by a Preservation Order:  <b>a)T/2018/0013: Oakdene, Brook Rd, Windermere:</b> Prune back Oak on SW lower branches and remove dead wood.  <b>b)T/2018/0015: Elim Grove, Windermere:</b> Crown reduction on TPO 168  Councillors also noted the new Tree Preservation Order set out on the agenda. :</p>
254.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b>  Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018: Full Council (lighter agenda)  Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018: Full Council  Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018: Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group (4pm). Requests that this date be changed.  Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Elleray Woods Advisory Group site inspection (3pm)  Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Annual Parish Meeting followed by Full Council (6pm) - venue to be arranged.</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 8.40pm</b></p>

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