



WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting 21st October 2020 via Zoom online

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Mayor John Saunders (in the Chair), Cllrs Mr Adrian Legge, Mrs Jenny Borer, Mr Peter Cook, Mr Leith Hallatsch, Mrs Christine Hallatsch, Mr Ian Telford, Mrs Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Catherine Musetti, Mrs Lisa Greasley (part of meeting only), Fiona Wilkinson,. Also: Mrs Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) SLDC/CCC Councillors: Kevin Holmes, Andrew Jarvis, Jim Bland. There were two members of the public in attendance. The meeting opened at 7pm.</p>
193.	<p>Apologies and absence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Apologies: Cllrs Mike Stafford, Ms Magda Khan, Mr Peter Hamilton, Mrs Kate Tripp, Tim Shearer, Alan Hands, Sandra Lilley, Grania Nicholson.b) Cllr Mike Stafford has also requested a leave of absence until April 2020, due to ill health and lack on on-line facilities to attend meetings. This was granted under the Town Council's non-attendance dispensation policy agreed at its meeting on 9th September 20. Councillors sent their best wishes to Cllr Stafford.c) Cllr Mike Stafford has also tendered his resignation from the Elleray Woods and Orrest Head Advisory Group. The clerk will include the vacancy on the agenda of the next Full Council meeting in November.
194.	<p>Minutes: It was resolved that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th September 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record with a minor change being made to a date.</p>
195.	<p>Planning sub-committee Minutes: The planning minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 23rd September 2020 were noted.</p>
196.	<p>Declarations of Interest: NONE</p>
197.	<p>Requests for Dispensations: None received</p>
198.	<p>Public Input: NONE</p>
199.	<p>Mayor & Member Updates: Mayor John Saunders, Cllrs Cath Musetti and Adrian Legge had submitted written reports prior to the meeting covering the following issues: Windermere Gateway, Policy & Finance Advisory Group arrangements, Winter Lights and Shop Windows, War Memorial wreath laying.</p>

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	<p>Windermere Ferry Advisory Committee, pavement parking (appointment of new traffic wardens), highways rectification of demolished bollard at Cooks Corner.</p> <p>Mayor Saunders thanked those who had submitted reports as it does help the flow of the meeting. Questions were invited and additional verbal reports invited.</p> <p>Cllr Leith Hallatsch reported that he was unable to attend the recent CALC South Lakeland meeting but had requested the minutes, which he will pass to the clerk for circulation once received.</p> <p>Cllr Jenny Borer had sent some photographs of the parking problems on Rayrigg Road during the summer to Mayor Saunders, with regard to his meeting on longer term solutions for parking and traffic next week.</p> <p>Cllr Adrian Legge reported that the Lakes Administration meeting had been conducted using a reduced Zoom service so that some attendees could only hear the proceedings and had no visuals. This did hinder the ability for parish members to take an active part. This has been raised with SLDC. Also had attended the Elleray Woods and Orrest Head site visit that afternoon. No substantive issues were raised. The woods looked lovely on such a good day and there were lots of visitors in evidence.</p>
200.	<p>District & County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Jarvis had submitted a written report prior to the meeting, covering the extension of the marshals' scheme in Bowness to 1st November and further funding available from government for Covid marshals but that these will operate district wide. He also covered the latest financial position of SLDC highlighting the loss of income and additional costs (deficit of £1.5m expected), Local Government Reorganisation update, Goodly Dale Health Centre.</p> <p>Cllr Jim Bland: reported that work is expected to commence on the new roundabout and pedestrian arrangements in Bowness shortly after Christmas.</p>
201.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The Clerk had submitted a written report prior to the meeting covering all key projects, including public toilets, appointment of an Assistant Clerk, transfer of land at Longlands, Budget monitoring and budget and precept preparations for 2021-22. There was nothing further to add. Cllr Leith Hallatsch asked for clarification on the vandalism to the door at Bowness Bay toilets and suggested that steel reinforcement is worthwhile looking into for the medium term. The Clerk agreed to take this into account.</p>
202.	<p>Planning sub-committee vacancy:</p> <p>Two councillors (Cllr Christine Cook and Cllr Cath Musetti) have expressed an interest in serving on the sub-committee and both have a lot of skills and experience to offer. It was decided to appoint both Councillors to the sub-committee with immediate effect and the Mayor thanked both councillors for their interest and support.</p>
203.	<p>Public Toilets Advisory Group:</p> <p>Council approved the draft terms of reference for this group, circulated with the agenda.</p>

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	Two Councillors have expressed an interest in serving on the group - Cllr Kate Tripp and Cllr Lisa Greasley. Both Councillors were appointed. The Mayor asked for further interest and Cllr Peter Cook offered to serve on the group and was appointed. It was agreed that the name of the group should be changed to "Public Facilities."
204.	Dales Way Seat: Several councillors asked for clarification on this item and expressed satisfaction with the seat as it is without further embellishment. Cllr Legge agreed to investigate and report back to Council with further detail in due course.
205.	Windermere Motor Boat Racing Competition: Council is supportive of the proposal to extend the exemption from Bye-Laws agreed last year, to 2023, due to the cancellation of events in 2020 as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. The Clerk will convey the council's views to the Lake District National Park.
206.	St Mary's Parking restrictions consultation: Councillors discussed this item in some detail and were aware of the problems in reaching the current position. It was understood that there is no consensus amongst the local community as to the need or desirability for restrictions and that this proposal is an acceptable compromise. Six councillors voted in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions. The Clerk was directed to write to the Highways Authority and support the proposal but make it clear that the Town Council understands this to be a compromise solution.
207.	Invoices for payment: Councillors approved those payments listed on the agenda and the following additional payments, received since the agenda was published. LDA Cleaning (Commercial Waste) £83.90 NPower: Toilets electricity September: £199.34 Viking: Stamps, stationery, cartridges: £198.90 Fairfield Property Services (new door at Bowness Bay toilets): £444.89
208.	Dates of Next Meetings: The following dates were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning sub-committee: Wednesday 28th October 2020• Policy & Finance Advisory Group: 29th October 2020• Full Council: Wednesday 11th November 2020.

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