



# WINDERMERE & BOWNESS TOWN COUNCIL

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

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7pm, Marchesi Centre, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p><b>Present:</b> Mayor Kate Tripp (in the chair), Cllrs Adrian Legge, Jenny Borer, Peter Cook, Christine Cook, Marina Davis, Lisa Greasley, John Saunders, Catherine Musetti &amp; Peter Hamilton. Also: Julie Hartley (Town Clerk) &amp; PSCO Sarah Blacow. No members of the public were present. SLDC/CCC Cllrs: Andrew Jarvis, Kevin Holmes, Jim Bland, Steve Bavin &amp; Will Clark. The meeting opened at 7pm</p>
17.	<p><b>Apologies and absence:</b> Cllrs Leith &amp; Christine Hallatsch (holidays), Grania Nicholson (illness), Magda Khan (no reason). SLDC/CCC Cllrs Ben Berry &amp; Dyan Jones (no reason).</p>
18.	<p><b>Full Council Minutes:</b> The minutes of the AGM Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record.</p>
19.	<p><b>Planning sub-committee Minutes:</b> The minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were noted. The Chair (Cllr Christine Cook) updated on the meeting held that evening with Elleray School about the use of the Orrest Head track access in connection with their outline planning application for new homes.</p>
20.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> NONE</p>
21.	<p><b>Requests for Dispensations:</b> NONE</p>
20.	<p><b>Item to be discussed in private session:</b> Council agreed to take the item on Councillor Co-option in private session at the end of the meeting, due to the personal content.</p>
21.	<p><b>Cumbria Police:</b> PCSO Sarah Blacow gave apologies from Sgt Mellard, who was to speak to the Council about community policing. Sickness prevented him from attending. Sarah updated Council on several policing matters, including significant traffic and parking issues over the weekend and particularly on Rayrigg Road. She thanked the Town Council for providing the prize for the Goodly Dale Community Cadets poster design to prevent littering and displayed the winning design. The prize will be presented in the school on 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm and a representative from Town Council would be welcome. Other matters included the re-introduction of “drop-in” sessions at the Library and the Queen’s Park sports day on 6<sup>th</sup> October, for which they are actively seeking sponsors. The Clerk was asked to put this issue onto the agenda for the next Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group meeting.</p>
22.	<p><b>Public Input:</b> NONE</p>

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23.	<p><b>Mayor &amp; Member Announcements:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Greasley:</u> Was pleased to update that the “in-Bloom” railing troughs have been erected by Michael Gudgeon (contractor) and difficulties were experienced at Bowness Bay due to the new security arrangements. The garden behind the public conveniences at Bowness Bay was opened last weekend and has been well used and well received. It has a variety of trees, shrubs in planters and seating, as well as a complete overhaul of the gravel surface. Cycle racks have been installed. Cllr Greasley thanked the Town Steward, Gary Hancox, for all his hard work on this. She had attended several meetings, including Cumbria in Bloom, Clerk’s recruitment, 597 Bus. In addition, Cllr Greasley met with the footpath officer from County Council at two areas that have been causing concern and reported by the Clerk. These are the footpaths at Sheriffs Wood and St Mary’s. The response was positive and, although it would be impossible to completely rectify all the problems, interim and longer-term solutions were agreed for both areas.</p> <p><u>Cllr Legge:</u> Attended a meeting with the Highways Authority to review the finished results at Bowness Promenade and identify any snagging issues. The poor quality of the stone-work was acknowledged by all and it was very sad to establish that the old round seating, part of the heritage of the area, appears to have been thrown away by the contractors. There is the possibility of them providing a replacement. Cllr Legge took on responsibility for organizing the lighting of the Beacon on top of Orrest Head, which, although very wet, was well attended and enjoyed by those there. He thanked the guides for their singing and reading and also the RAF Cadets. In addition, he had attended the consultation on the replacement of Windermere Ferry and was impressed with the progress that has been made by County Council, especially on the design (an electric catamaran). It is noted that the assembly and launch will be problematical, as the proposal is to use the Ferry Nab area, which will take out a great deal of parking for a period. This will need close management. It is estimated that the new Ferry will be in operation on the lake for the start of the 2024 season.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Cook:</u> Had circulated a copy of his report on the work of the LGR Advisory Group and highlighted the lack of communication, particularly from SLDC and Central Government. There was a feeling of the Town Council being left out of the loop on the issue of the ownership of the lake.</p> <p><u>Cllr Peter Hamilton:</u> Highlighted the recent damage to the roundabout in Bowness, which he had reported to the Highways Authority. He raised the concerns about the colour of the bollards on the Promenade and some technical issues with the design of the roundabout. The Clerk was asked to contact relevant officers at County Council.</p> <p><u>Cllr Saunders:</u> had been asked to raise with Town Council the need for more cycle parking and this was noted.</p> <p><u>Mayor Kate Tripp:</u> Had attended numerous meetings and events and highlighted some of the most enjoyable and important. This included starting the Brathay 10x10 Marathon, which raised a remarkable £170k, Windermere Gateway (as Town Council representative), the Kendal Mayor Making, a fundraiser at the Royal Windermere Yacht Club for the RNLI and, finally, reading the prolamation at the Beacon lighting, on a very wet night.</p>
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24.	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillors' reports:</b></p> <p><u>Cllr Jim Bland:</u> was in agreement with Cllr Legge about the poor quality of the work on Bowness Promenade, but reminded the meeting that the project brief had been provided by Cumbria Police. He acknowledged the problems, raised by the PCSO, with parking and traffic but is against simply installing more yellow lines, which, in his opinion, simply moves problems elsewhere. The only solution is to provide more parking in total.</p> <p><u>Cllr Kevin Holmes:</u> updated on Lakes Administration Committee.</p> <p><u>Cllr Andrew Jarvis:</u> Provided a response to Cllr Peter Cook on potential misunderstandings about the lake. He confirmed with confidence that no decisions have been made by SLDC Cabinet or by Government. SLDC officers have, however, contacted the Government lawyers to seek clarity of the impact of legislation on the lake. This clarification was welcome. On 17<sup>th</sup> May, the Shadow Authority (Westmorland and Furness) had its first meeting and elected Cllr Jonathan Brook as Leader. Cllr Jarvis will take on the Finance portfolio. He also attended the AGM of the 597 bus, as their finance officer, and was pleased to confirm that, even though daily costs have doubled, three generous donations have left the bus in a secure position financially for now. Along with other Councillors, he had completed part of the Suffragists walk, raising the profile for the importance of the vote in the democratic process. Finally, he had attended a Windermere Gateway meeting as observer and will be walking the area with Mayor Kate Tripp to clarify the issues that are impacting on this very important project.</p> <p><u>Cllr Steve Bavin:</u> Simply wished to underline the importance of communication with the Town Council and welcomed attendance at the meetings.</p> <p><u>Cllr Will Clark:</u> introduced himself as a new Unitary councillor, representing part of the Windermere area. He also confirmed that, as a representative on the LDNPA, he will feed back to them about signage on Rayrigg Road.</p>
25.	<p><b>Clerk's Report:</b></p> <p>The Clerk had circulated a progress report on various projects that are currently underway. She briefed Council on a recent developments, particularly the results of the survey of the culvert under the War Memorial. She also gave thanks to Cllr Lisa Greasley for her work on the garden at Bowness Bay and her contribution, which has been tremendous.</p>
26.	<p><b>Bowness Bay Garden:</b></p> <p>Cllr Lisa Greasley gave an update on the detail of the work that has been accomplished, installing benches and planters. Local sponsorship has been very helpful, particularly the Civic Society funding for the planters and several local donations of trees. So far, it has been very well used and there have not been any significant problems with litter. Both Windermere Lake Cruises and the Golf business have agreed to assist with maintenance. The only significant outstanding issue is to name the garden and erect signage.</p> <p>Cllr Greasley proposed a simple "Jubilee Garden" as the name and this was approved unanimously by Council.</p>

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27.	<p><b>Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022:</b> Council noted the minutes of the Advisory Group meeting and approved the following recommendations:</p> <p>a) That a financial commitment is made to support Winter Lights in Bowness and that a budget envelope of an initial £7.4k is provide to the Assistant Clerk to progress discussions. This represents the balance remaining on the grant received from CCC for the re-opening of high streets post Covid 19.</p> <p>It was noted that, once clear proposals as to the Winter Lights for Bowness supplier and costs are in place, the Assistant Clerk will report back to Policy &amp; Finance and to Council for final approval.</p>
28.	<p><b>Finance:</b> <b>Invoice Payments:</b></p> <p>a) Council approved those items included on the Orders for Payment list which had been circulated with the agenda and in addition approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Town Steward: £2,440.98</li><li>• Cllr Lisa Greasley: £62.37</li><li>• Berrys Garden Services: £259.00</li></ul> <p><b>Bank Mandate:</b></p> <p>b) Council agreed to amend the bank mandate for HSBC, to delete Cllr John Saunders as a signatory and replace with Mayor Kate Tripp.</p>
	<p><b>The Mayor closed the public part of the meeting and moved into private session for the following item.</b></p>
29.	<p><b>Councillor Co-option</b> Council approved unanimously to co-opt Esther Kirkby to represent the Windermere Town Ward.</p>
30.	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b> The following dates were noted. All meetings will commence at 7pm: <u>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022:</u> Planning sub-committee: Langstone House (preceded by informal session with SLDC Licensing on Cumulative Impact Assessment at 6pm). <u>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022:</u> Policy &amp; Finance Advisory Group: Langstone House (preceded by Recruitment Advisory Group meeting at 5.45pm). <u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022:</u> Full Council: Marchesi Centre (preceded by informal session with SLDC on Affordable Housing at 5pm).</p>
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.15pm</b></p>

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