

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON 1ST JUNE 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr W Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J L Garlick, E Greasley, J Jewell, and J Stocker. Messrs D J Fawcett, A B Legge, J H Morphet, J Walters and A Winrow

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J S Borer, C Hallatsch and H Stephenson and Messrs L J Hallatsch and A Marsh and M Stafford together with District Councillor Miss K Atkinson.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Legge and Morphet declared a non pecuniary interest in a number of items on the Agenda as members of the Civic Society.

23. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th May 2009 were approved as a correct record.

24. MATTERS ARISING

Mr H E Hatley, a letter of thanks for the Council's best wishes from Mr Hatley was read out.

Mr N Raymond, the Area Engineer for South Lakeland had written clarifying his earlier letter and stating that he can also confirm that there are no proposals for projects requiring any traffic regulation orders in Windermere.

Letters of Thanks were received from LIFE in connection with the Grant to Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool and from the Great North Air Ambulance.

A reply was received from the Environment Agency who had removed debris from the water course adjacent to Windermere Junior School playing field. Work had been programmed to cut back branches and remove further debris later on in the area.

A reply had been received from South Lakeland District Council. New litter bins were on order for Millerground and were just awaiting delivery. Investigation was taking place as to why litterbins had been removed from Beresford Road and Queens Park. The mats in the play area at Queens Park reflect the undulating ground and were not in need to levelling, they were checked every week for hazards. Although the skateboard park gate had been repaired several times, it keeps getting repeatedly vandalised and they are hoping to strengthen it. As regards Robinson Place, they were seeking legal advice on the best way to deal with the situation.

Further to Minute No.17 on Page 6 The District Council had replied confirming that they did not intend to progress any changes to the existing restrictions on trading on the Glebe.

A reply had been received from the County Council confirming that they had no objections in principle to signs relating to the Town Council's involvement in Cumbria in Bloom being fixed to highways signs. Further details were required however.

25. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

9 planning applications were considered by the Council and it was resolved to send the following comments to the Lake District National Park Authority:-

- 7/09/5103 Over Longtail, Kendal Road - Garage with workshop over (Re-consideration) – Approve
- 7/09/5125 Shepherds, The Glebe - Repair lakeshore wall erosion – All exposed wall to be of local stone.
- 7/09/5159 Greenways, Middle Entrance Drive - Re-build double garage and linked rear Porch - Approve
- 7/09/5189 Pine Ridge, Crook Road – Extensions and Alterations – Approve
- 7/09/5198 OS Field 5369 – Replacement boathouse – Approve
- 7/09/5199 Ferry Nab Cottage, Ferry Nab - Extension to form larger bedroom and dining Room – Approve
- 7/09/5217 Rayside, Brithwaite Road – Extensions and alterations - Approve
- 7/09/5222 4 Victoria Street - Change of Use from Hairdresser to Letting Agent – Approve
- 7/09/5235 Near Orrest - New cattle shed and yard - Approve

26. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Mrs E Greasley reported that the Hanging Baskets were now installed SLDC had agreed to be responsible for planting and maintaining the Crescent Road planters for 2009. She had been advised that essential tree surgery at Millerground was to take place soon.

The Mayor reported on a meeting with the consultants relating to the Bowness Waterfront Masterplan. Five options had been put forward for further discussion.

He had attended the District Council Chairman's Civic Dinner and the official opening of Kendal College extensions. He had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Mayor of Overmere in British Columbia to encourage more interest in the environment. He had attended a joint meeting with United Utilities involving Mr T Farron MP, Chamber of Trade and the Civic Society in connection with the proposed excavations on the Glebe.

The concerns of the community relating to removal and disposal of material excavated had been passed on in the strongest possible terms. No plans had yet been made by United Utilities as to how to deal with these issues. It was agreed to put the matter on an Agenda when further definite information was available.

27. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved and passed for payment:-

Cumbria Playing Fields Association	Affiliation Fee	51.50
Kendal Paint & Colour Company	Materials	132.10
Treescapes Consultancy Ltd	Inspection of Trees in Elleray Wood	1,169.32
B G Whittaker	Salary	659.00
HMRC	PAYE	271.49

28. WINDERMERE COMMUNITY PLAN

The Council was advised that the Group would be meeting shortly to finalise details to the draft plan for submission to the Council's partners for further consideration following which the draft would be brought to the Town Council .

29. ALLOTMENTS

The Town Council noted that the Allotments Group, which was headed by Debbie Binch had now received 68 expressions of interest. 30 potential sites had been initially identified. A smaller number was now being investigated further. It was noted that the Town Council may be approached for funding in the future.

30. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Following an email from the Town Centre Manager. It was agreed that the Town Council would be responsible for the cost of repair of one of the benches on the island in Ellerthwaite Square.

It was also agreed to welcome a proposed visit by a Hotrod Club on the 13th June and to support their wish to park their cars on the Glebe.

It was noted that the National Park had made a Definitive Map modification order to the footpath number 581022 at Cleabarrow. It was noted that Mr Adrian Faulkner had now been engaged by the Westmorland Gazette to be correspondent for the Windermere and Bowness area.

The Clerk was authorised to purchase the latest edition of "Local Council Administration"

Tree Preservation Orders relating to Trees at the Windermere Hotel and Oakdene, Brook Road were received. The Council received and made no comment on proposed works to trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders at 18 Priory Grange, Ruschello, Old Belfield, Filter House, Storrs Park.