

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr W Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, E Greasley, C Hallatsch, J Jewell, H Stephenson and J Stocker. Messrs D J Fawcett, L J Hallatsch, A Marsh, J H Morphet, M Stafford, J Walters and A Winrow.

Also in attendance was District Councillor Miss K Atkinson

86. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs C Houlihan and Mr A B Legge and District Councillor D Williams and County Councillor Mr J Stephenson.

87. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors declared non pecuniary interest in the following matters. The mayor, Mrs J S Borer and Mrs J Stocker in connection with the Grant application for contributions towards the footpath gate at Rayrigg Road. Mrs E Greasley in connection with the grant application from the Allotment Steering Group. Mr D Fawcett in connection with the planning application on Bowfell, Middle Entrance Drive and Mrs A Garlick in connection with the planning application for Langrigge Howe.

88. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th July were approved as a correct record with the substitution of revision to Minute 85 which was read out by the Mayor. This was approved by the Council.

89. MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Susan Thornley, High Sheriff of Cumbria had written thanking the Council for its invitation to speak at the last meeting of the Council.

Letters of Thanks were also received from Windermere Air Show and the Windermere Diessen Twinning Association.

The County Council had responded to the information submitted by the Town Council relating to the proposed footway lighting improvement scheme between Queens Square and Rayrigg Road Car Park. The County Council confirmed consent for the works to be carried out and also that the County Council would thereafter adopt and take on future maintenance of the lighting columns. It was agreed to place this matter on the Agenda for Policy and Finance Advisory Group to take matters forward.

The Clerk advised that the County Council's Highways Steward would be in the area for two weeks starting from the 7th September and requested details of any work that may be required.

A letter had been received from the Lake District National Park Authority relating to the Planning Application to re-roof the function room at the Marchesi Centre. The National Park had concerns as to regards the roofing materials proposed. The National Park Officer had suggested that the Town Council's comments to approve the proposal cannot to be considered to be substantive and required elaboration upon the reasons for the Town Council's recommendation.

The contents of the letter were received with some surprise. After some discussion, the Clerk was instructed to respond to the Lake District National Park that the Town Council were happy with the material proposed in the planning application.

90. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- 7/07/5308 Hopebeck, Keldwyth Drive - Detached dwelling (outline consent granted 2007)
Approve
- 7/09/5321 The Kiosk, Quarry Rigg, Lake Road - Three internally illuminated signs – would prefer the signs to be located inside the building
- 7/09/5341 Applethwaite Cottage, Longmire Road - Convert garage to ancillary accommodation - Approve
- 7/09/5349 Lindeth Howe Hotel, Lindeth Drive - Alterations & Extensions to provide new staff block, Gymnasium function room, Lift shaft and escape stair - Approve
- 7/09/5364 Bowfell, Middle Entrance Drive - Extension to form additional living accommodation, swimming pool, new garage, new access drive - Approve
- 7/09/5342 Langrigge Howe, Langrigge Drive - Detached garage with dayroom above - Approve
- 7/09/5343 Langrigge Howe, Langrigge Drive - Extension to Ground Floor - Approve
- 7/09/5378 Village Store, Lake Road - Externally illuminated fascia sign and two replacement panels to existing hanging sign – Approve – would hope that the external appearance of the building is improved, lights to be shielded from Crag Brow Road traffic.

91. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Mrs H Stephenson had investigated concerns that complaints about toilet provision at the Air Show had been not acted on by the District Council. The District Council contact centre had not received any written complaints and she was confident that any complaints that had been received had been dealt with.

On the multi use games area, she had been discussing matters further to relating to the recent consultation meeting. Recommendations would be submitted to the District Council cabinet in October. District Councillors were to visit the area and were to take a wide view when discussing options.

It was resolved that the Town Council would write to District Council confirming the Town Councils support for a multi-use sports area in an appropriate location.

92. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Mr L Hallatsch reported on a meeting of the South Lakeland Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

Ms J Jewell reported on the “Summer on the Rec” project for teenagers.

The Mayor had met with United Utilities. They were concerned at the recently published application for registration of a Village Green on the Glebe would mean that they would delay their project for at least a year until that application was resolved. Registration as Village Green would also compromise other works that they proposed on the Glebe and at the Glebe Road toilets. The Mayor advised that he was attempting to call a meeting with the Civic Society to advise them of this development and to discuss the possibility of withdrawing the application.

The meeting resolved unanimously to support this course of action

93. GRANT APPLICATIONS

- a) Windermere & Bowness Allotment Steering Group.
It was agreed to defer this matter to the Policy & Finance Advisory Group and request more clarification as to the grounds of the costs.
- b) It was agreed to make a Grant to South Lakes Development Trust for amenity purposes in connection with the repair of a traditional gate abutting on to Rayrigg Road.
- c) Short Term parking provision near Bowness Post Office.
The Council considered a request to provide short term parking provision for Post Office users at each end of Stags Head pedestrianised area. Concerns were expressed that any vehicles parked in this area would hinder access to premises by Emergency Services.

It was agreed to write to the County Council requesting that they investigate the possibilities

94. NOTICEBOARD AT ELLERTHWAITE GARDENS

Concern was expressed at the condition of the Noticeboard at the entrance to Ellerthwaite Gardens relating to the Library opening times and the Bowling Green. It was agreed to write to District Council accordingly.

95. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk advised that the Council's bank was suggesting closing the Council's 14 day Notice Account which was a deposit account and changing it to a Business Money Manager Quarterly Interest Account. This offered an interest on current terms of 0.5% as opposed to 0.2% and also had the benefit of not having the charges for withdrawals. It was agreed to open such account and to close the Business 14 day Notice Account.

96. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council received Notice of a Temporary Road Closure Order on Crescent Road to enable the replacement of a lighting column on Tuesday 15th September between the hours 1800 and 2200.