

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mrs J Stocker (Deputy Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, S Clayton, J L Garlick, E Greasley, C Hallatsch, J Jewell, and V Newton. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, J H Morphet, J Walters and A Winrow.

Also present was County Councillor Mr J Stephenson and PCSO Sarah Blacow .

202. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A N Afonso and Mrs H Stephenson and Messrs A Marsh, W F Smith and M Stafford together with District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams

203. CASUAL VACANCY – BOWNESS SOUTH WARD

The Clerk reported that Mrs Afonso had advised that owing to unforeseen circumstances, she was not in a position to take up the position of Councillor for Bowness South Ward. A Casual Vacancy was therefore declared by the Council and the Clerk was authorised to issue the appropriate notices.

204. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Councillor declared any interest in any of items on the Agenda.

205. MR W WYLLIE

Mr W Wyllie Locality Manager Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service addressed the Council. He introduced himself and gave details of his background and also provided details relating to the ethos of the Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service.

As regards the replacement of one fire appliance at Windermere Station with a specially modified Land Rover, he reminded the Council that consultation on this proposal, and the decision, was made three years ago. The Service considered that this vehicle would meet a need to address perceived fire events that could not be accessed by a conventional appliance and that it was not considered that the service to the local community had been diminished in any way by this vehicle.

Mr Wyllie answered questions from Councillors and concluded by inviting Councillors to visit Windermere Fire Station for more detailed explanations as to how various incidents could be responded to.

206. POLICE

PCSO Sarah Blacow provided a report to the Council. Matters were relatively quiet at this moment in time. The next Youth Disco would be held on the 18th December. She then answered questions from the Council.

207. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 23rd November 2009 were approved by the Council as a correct record.

208. MATTERS ARISING

- a) A reply had been received from the District Council relating to parking of taxis on Church Street, Bowness. The traffic wardens were aware of the situation. South

Lakeland District Council did not have any powers to take any action. Whilst the vehicles may be registered as taxis, they are not precluded from parking in general parking spaces and are at liberty to do so even when plying for trade. If they were obstructing the highway in any way, it was only the police that could deal with that situation.

- b) A letter of thanks was received from Queens Park Bowling Club in respect of the Grant recently made. It is hoped that the shed would be completed by late March, early April 2010.
- c) A letter had been received from the Senior Emergency Planning Officer at the County Council in response to the Town Council's request for details concerning Emergency Planning Arrangements for the Windermere and Bowness area. The letter advised that Emergency Planning was a risk based activity identified by means of the Community Risk Register. This provides a method for targeting emergency plans at those areas most likely to be effected. Floods and severe weather were at the top of the list but Windermere and Bowness does not fall within the areas identified by the Environment Agency as being particularly at risk. The specific hazard identified is the possibility of an accident involving one of the large passenger vessels on Windermere for which provision has been made. There is also Emergency Planning for the annual Windermere Air Show.

209. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Twelve Planning Applications were considered by the Council and it was resolved to pass the Council's comments on to the Lake District National Park Authority.

- 7/09/5616 The Garth, Lyth Valley Road - Extension of Office at Coach House - Approve
- 7/09/5643 5 Orrest Drive - Convert part of front garden into a parking space – Approve, would prefer a more sympathetic surface treatment
- 7/09/5646 Linthwaite House Hotel, Oaks Drive - Upgrade & extend hotel bedrooms in North Wing - Demolish & replace conservatory – Approve. Concerns as to need for traffic management improvements to private access road.
- 7/09/5647 1 Lakeshore boathouses, Belman Landing, Storrs - Additional access staircase – Approve.
- 7/09/5649 Ladymere, Storrs - Replacement timber jetty - Approve
- 7/09/5667 Beechwood Hotel, Beresford Road - First & second floor extension to owners' existing annexe - Approve
- 7/09/5674 Fair Rigg Guest House, Ferry View - Replace metal window frames to side bay window with UPVC - Approve
- 7/09/5679 The Howes, Blackmoss Lane - Livestock & General Storage. Install septic tank to serve egg packing room (retrospective) - Approve
- 7/09/5686 71 Claife Avenue - New dwelling and driveway on end of existing terrace – approve with local occupancy & affordable local housing
- 7/09/5694 3 Old Belsfield - Extensions & Alterations (Re-submission) - Approve
- 7/09/5695
- 7/09/5698 Brackenridge, Ghyll Head - Garage (Re-submission) - Approve

7/09/5701 Cleabarrow, Crook Road - Loft conversion to include Glazed hip, lantern room & escape building - Approve

210. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

The Mayor had sent an email incorporating a letter that he had written to the South Lakeland District Council relating to the potential closure of the Windermere Tourist Information Centre. A similar letter had also been sent by the Chamber of Trade.

The Mayor had attended a public meeting on the 7th December at Ambleside relating to the proposals announced by the University of Cumbria in respect of the Ambleside Campus.

He had attended the meeting convened by the National Park relating to the Civic Society's application for town green status for the Glebe.

With other Councillors he had attended the first Local Area Partnership Meeting. He had attended a concert by Westmorland Youth Orchestra at the Lakes School and a performance of the Wizard of Oz at St Annes School.

The Mayor had attended the Christmas Lights parade and the Council recorded their congratulations to the organisers for the success of the event. The Clerk also pointed out that he had received a very complimentary letter from visitors to Windermere who had attended the parade and firework display.

Mr Marsh had sent an email drawing the Council's attention to the flooding at Bannerigg again and requesting the Town Council to urge the County Council to undertake surveys of important sites such as Bannerigg. The street lights at Claife Avenue and Thwaites Lane had been repaired or replaced but not yet turned on. The street light for Mill Rise, Mill Brow and Droomer Lane has at last been replaced with a new one.

Mr Walters reported on the Annual General Meeting of South Lakes Development Trust and raised certain queries relating to the constitution of that organisation.

Mr L Hallatsch reported on a recent CALC meeting.

Mr J Morphet reported on a Ladyholme Centre Meeting and noted that a new Treasurer had been appointed.

Mr A Winrow reported that a specification for the web-site had been issued and replies awaited.

211. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk read out decisions on recent planning applications made by the Lake District National Park Authority.

212. WINDERMERE COMMUNITY PLAN

It was agreed that this would be discussed by Policy & Finance its meeting on the 21st January. The Community Plan Working Party would also have a meeting in the New Year.

213. HIGHWAY SIGNS – CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

Mr March had reported that the cost of two signs on the A591 would be £110.00 with a third sign for Bowness approximately half that amount. It was agreed to approve the costings and proceed to provide a detailed specification and description to the County Council so that final approval could be obtained with the signs ordered and installed for early 2010.

214. USE OF THE BANDSTAND

It was agreed to give further consideration as to what type of events could be held in the Bandstand. In principle, events for young people would be encouraged.

A letter had been received from the South Cumbria Retirement Band offering to play at Bandstand on the Glebe with a performance fee of around of £100.00 per concert.

It was agreed to refer to this the Policy and Finance Advisory Group for recommendations relating to the Policy implications of this with a suggestion that the band be invited to play over the May Spring Bank Holiday period as a trial .

214. USE OF ORREST HEAD/ELLERAY WOOD FOR ORIENTEERING.

It was agreed to permit the North West Junior squad of Orienteers to use the wood for training purposes on Sunday 20th December without charge.

215. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CALL FOR SITES CONSULTATION

It was agreed to defer this to the first meeting in January.

216. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was received:-

- a) Minutes and Agenda of the Lakes Parish Council
- b) Allotment Steering Group Update
- c) CALC Circular
- d) Details relating to a proposed Definitive Map of Modification at Garburn Pass.
- e) Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order at Dubbs Reservoir

Mr Morphet advised that he had received complaints that in the Promenade Gardens in front of Belsfield Hotel, some shrubs were affecting the view from the seats. It was agreed to the write to the District Council asking if they could reduce the height.