

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

Mesdames W F Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, S Clayton, E Greasley, C Hallatsch, J Jewell, V Newton and J Stocker. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A Marsh, J H Mophet, M P Nicholson, M Stafford, J Walters, and A Winrow.

Also present was PCSO Livett .

**285. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Stephenson and Mr A B Legge together with District Councillor Mr D Williams.

**286. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs J Stocker, spoke as a member of the public and as Chair of Governors of the Lakes School in connection with the planning application to be considered later in the meeting the Lakes School.

**286. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs J Stocker declared a personal and prejudicial interest relating to the planning applications concerning the Lakes School and the Windermere Centre.

**287. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February were approved as a correct record.

**288. MATTERS ARISING**

The Council received letters of thanks from Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau and the Great North Air Ambulance in respect of the grants that it has recently made.

Further to Minute No. 237 on Page 63 relating to the junction of the A592 and Longtail Hill, the Council received a further letter from Mrs McDonell. It was agreed to not to accept an invitation to attend on site, but to pass the letter on the County Council Highways Department.

**289. POLICE**

PCSO Scott Livett reported that the Respect Campaign would continue over the Easter period. Another youth disco was planned for that time. He then answered questions.

**290. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Mrs Stocker left the room during the consideration of the applications for the Lakes School and the Windermere Centre.

Six Planning Applications were considered by the Council and it was resolved to make the following comments to the Lake District National Park Authority.

7/10/5053      The Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge – Extension to form a designated dining area. Very concerned about the design and appearance. Prefer a pitched roof. No objections to an extension in principle.

7/10/5058      Rampholme, Storrs – Replace damaged boathouse with slightly wedged structure and partly internal jetty – Approve.

- 7/10/5062 Kernansm Belman Landing, Storrs – Extension and Improvements to Existing Boathouse – Concerned at the scale of the development
- 7/10/5070 The Windermere Centre, Lake Road – Staff dining room – rear addition - Approve
- 7/10/5088 Anne Wilson Ltd, Royal Square – Two new hanging signs to front & back - Approve
- 7/10/5089 Lazy Daisys, 31-33 Crescent Road – Change of Use of First Floor Flat to Café/Restaurant space – Whilst wishing to support local businesses, very concerned at the loss of a residential unit.

## **291. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Mrs V Newton reported on the recent visit by Councillors to the Fire Station. The Fire Officers present had advised the Councillors that the new 4x4 vehicle is proving very useful although it was limited in carrying capabilities and did not have cutting gear and breathing apparatus. Provisional agreement had also been reached for it being used to deliver Meals on Wheels in bad weather.

It was agreed to write to the Fire Service Authorities to support the identified equipment needs of the Windermere Fire Station.

The Fire Service wished to remind the public about maintaining smoke alarms.

Mrs J Stocker reported that the Sustainability Film was to be shown shortly. The Community Plan Meeting relating to sustainability issues had also been fixed for the 30<sup>th</sup> March in the Phoenix Youth Project Room.

Mr J Walters reported on the Windermere Endowed School Foundation. The Foundation may be considering possible changes to the terms of subsidiary schemes.

The Mayor had attended a Heart Start Course, a Fair Trade event on the 28<sup>th</sup> February and a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of a Resident at Alexandra Court.

Mrs E Greasley reported that together with others, she had attended a recent Code of Conduct Training Seminar. Mr L Hallatsch reported on a CALC meeting which had had presentations relating to the planning process and the possible joint sharing of administration between South Lakeland and Eden District Councils

## **292. CENTRAL LAKES LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP**

The Council considered the nomination of four representatives and substitutes to the meetings on the Local Area Partnership.

After a ballot, it was agreed that the Council's representatives would be Mesdames J Stocker, V Newton and E Greasley and Mr L Hallatsch. The substitutes would be the Mayor and Mr A Marsh.

## **293. FOOTWAY LIGHTING – RAYRIGG ROAD, WINDERMERE**

The Council considered the letter received from South Lakeland District Council which confirmed that the lamp posts in question were the District Council's responsibility. However, it was stated that the lights meet the required specification and there was no need to replace them and that the District Council did not want to take up the Scheme prepared by the Town Council.

The Town Council were disturbed at the attitude taken by the District Council. The Town Council had received considerable requests for improvements to lighting in this area from the public and the Chamber of Trade and local business over many years. Improvement of lighting in this area had been considered and endorsed by the Community Safety Partnership and the Neighbourhood Forum.

It was agreed to refer the matter back to South Lakeland District Council.

#### **294. WINDERMERE IN BLOOM AND LITTERPICK**

The Council review the situation for 2010. It was noted that the litter pick had been agreed to take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May in conjunction with the Lake District National Park Authority. On Windermere in Bloom, VFMS had agreed to water the hanging baskets as previously and would shortly be submitting an estimate. Proposals were given for expanding the Scheme and it is noted that some sponsorship had only very recently been confirmed.

It was noted that a provisional date for the Awards Evening for Windermere in Bloom was the 7<sup>th</sup> September, but confirmation would be required as regards that date.

It was agreed to enter Cumbria in Bloom Competition and to write a letter of thanks for her assistance with Windermere in Bloom to Mrs Diane Fisher.

#### **295. PUBLIC SEATS**

Following a recent exchange of emails, the Council were concerned at the suggestion that the District Council disclaimed any responsibility for public seats in Windermere or Bowness that were not in public parks.

It was noted that the District Council may be in a position to provide a grant to organise a survey to identify all the seats that possibly covered the cost of repairs and painting.

It was agreed to instruct the Clerk to apply for such a grant.

#### **296. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A letter was received from the First Windermere Cub Scouts requesting that some of the shrubbery at the Wall Memorial be moved or cut back so as to enable young attendees at the Annual Remembrance Day Service to more readily view the proceedings. It was agreed to pass this on to the War Memorial Gardener.

The Council confirmed that the HMCS Undine Badge and Plaque had been lent on a permanent basis to Mr F Sanderson for display at the Old School Gallery at Crooklands. This was on the basis that the memorabilia could be returned to the Council on demand.

The Council received the Consultation document relating to the proposal to extend the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Park and resolved to make no comment.

The Council received notification of a Tree Preservation Order relating to 3 trees at Border Lodge, Birthwaite Road and also the minutes of the Windermere and Staveley District Neighbourhood Forum and Lakes Parish Council.