

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

Also in attendance were District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams and PCSO Sarah Blacow.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames C Hallatsch, D Jones and H Stephenson and Mr L J Hallatsch.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests either personal or financial on any item on the Agenda were declared.

33. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st June 2009 were approved as a correct record

34. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

35. POLICE

PCSO Sarah Blacow reported that an arrest had been made following the spate of cycle thefts. The Youth Disco continued to be a success. The Police were adopting a zero tolerance policy relating to drinking on Ash Street She then answered questions from Councillors.

36. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

7/09/5204 Storrssthaite, Storrs Park – Replacement garden room and slate roof to bay windows – Approve

7/09/5236 Wythen, Storrs Park – Alteration & Extension – Concerned as to possible overdevelopment and overlooking of neighbours.

7/09/5242 The Loft, Oldfield Road – Change of Use of Ground Floor Shop to Architect's office – Approve

7/09/5244 5 Annisgarth Avenue – Two single storey extensions - Approve

37. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Mrs Joan Stocker reported that the Community Safety Partnership were organising another Street Safe event to be held on the 13th July at Queens Park. Interested parties should meet at the Fire Station at 4pm.

Mr J Morphet reported that work had commenced to improve the wet area on the Glebe.

Mrs J Jewell reported that on the 6th June, the independent custody visitors had met with the Police and had discussed various matters including prisoners with mental health problems.

Mr D Fawcett reported on the Lakes Line User Group Meeting. There were concerns relating to the extended car park at Oxenholme, particularly as regards disabled users. The Group were also taking up with the rail companies, the effect of the rail closures on bank holidays. Information on a Cumbria Day Ranger Ticket was circulated.

Mrs E Greasley advised that the Cumbria in Bloom Judging would take place on the 9th July and the Windermere in Bloom Awards on the 8th September.

The Mayor reported on a meeting relating to the Windermere Waterfront Proposals and a Meeting with the Consultants relating to the future of the Glebe. He had also met Mr R Leafe, Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park Authority to discuss matters relating to Windermere generally. He had recently visited Haverigg prison at the invitation of the High Sheriff.

38. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk advised that Fallbarrow Park and Limefitt Park had both applied for what appeared to be an updated licence relating to their premises.

39. TRAFFIC FLOW IN OAK STREET

Mr D J Fawcett raised the question of difficulties in driving down this street which was effectively one lane as a result of the numbers of cars parked legally, on one side of the road. This did cause difficulties particularly to people who were visiting the area and may cause difficulties in the event of emergency access being required. He wondered whether a one way system involving Oak Street and Broad Street should be considered or some of the parking spaces removed to allow for cars to pull in half way down the road.

It was resolved to monitor the situation. It was generally felt that all the local residents were very aware of the situation and that apart from the occasional peak time, there was no major problems.

40. CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor read out an email that he had from United Utilities relating to sewage discharges into the lake and the United Utilities proposals on the Glebe. The email clarified the situation relating to overall annual percentages of discharge into the lake.

It was agreed to make no objection to proposals to fell a mature Yew Tree at New Hall Bank Guest House.

The Council received the proposals map relating to Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development which did not affect any sites within the Town Council's area.

It was agreed to write to the County Council pointing out the general need for white lines on roads to be repainted to improve traffic management and in particular the Queens Square Roundabout in Bowness. At the same time, the County Council would be asked to consider whether lorries delivering to Tesco and using the layby at the Royal Development could be permitted to draw on to the pavement and encouraged to do this by additional line painting.