

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2010**

Mr W F Smith (Mayor), Mesdames J S Borer, S Clayton, J L Garlick, E Greasley, C Hallatsch, J Jewell, and H Stephenson. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, A Marsh, M Stafford, and A Winrow.

Also in attendance was PCSO Sarah Blacow

**226. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs V Newton and J Stocker and Messrs J H Morphet and J Walters together with County Councillor Mr J Stephenson and District Councillors Ms K Atkinson and Mr D Williams.

**227 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Crisp addressed the Council expressing his great concern at the condition of the roads and pavements after the recent snow and ice and how matters had been dealt with by both Cumbria County Council and South Lakeland District Council. He advised that telephone calls to both those authorities had been somewhat patronising and in general the matter had been dealt with with a lack of care and attention. He suggested that the roads should have been ploughed in any event which would have assisted the efficiency of grit spreading. Mr Crisp's comments were noted.

**228. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**229. WINDERMERE AIR SHOW**

Mr David Thomas of Windermere Rotary Club addressed the Council in connection with his paper circulated to Councillors requesting consent for a temporary trial of food and drinks sales on the Glebe and Pitch and Putt Course during the 2010 Airshow Weekend. He also answered questions from Councillors.

**230. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2009 were approved as a correct record.

**231 MATTERS ARISING**

a) Casual Vacancy – Bowness South Ward

The Council had now been formally notified by South Lakeland District Council that no requests for an election had been made to fill this vacancy and the Council was therefore in a position to co-opt.

b) The County Council had replied relating to the unauthorised trading carried out in the layby near Alice Howe Farm, Seating on Crescent Road and flooding on the A591 at Bannerigg.

c) The Council received a letter circulated with the Agenda papers from the Civic Society relating the discharges of untreated sewage into the lake.

Mr Legge also advised that the Civic Society had been informed that the present proposal by United Utilities was not sufficient to comply with the EU Bathing Waters

**232. POLICE**

Sarah Blacow thanked the Council for its agreement to purchase an Alcohol Awareness Box which she considered would be extremely useful.

Crime figures were down by 25% and anti-social behaviour figures down by 40% on last year.

The Police were shortly to be working with Windermere Infant School in connection with Road Safety Awareness. A new neighbourhood watch scheme had been implemented at St Marys Park and the next disco would be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. She then answered questions from the Council.

**233. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Council considered the following applications and resolved to make the following comments to Lake District National Park Authority.

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| 7/09/5650 | Opposite Alloa, Newby Bridge – Replacement timber walkway – Approve   |
| 7/09/5712 | North Entrance, Ellerthwaite Gardens – Clock and ornamental framework – Approve                                   |
| 7/09/5740 | Pheasant Rock, Windy Hall Road – Demolish dwelling and garage – Erect new dwelling with integral garage – Approve |
| 7/09/5745 | Talisker House, Brantfell Road – Detached garage with dayroom over – Approve.                                     |

The Council had been notified that the following applications had been withdrawn:-

3 Brackenrigg, Windy Hall Road – Reconfiguration of the existing house and demolition of the extension.

Conversion of Roof Space to form two new bedrooms at Linthwaite House Hotel.

**234. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY,**

Mrs H Stevenson had attended a meeting with District and County Council convened by the Town Centre Manager Paul Holdsworth on behalf of the Town Council relating to the recent allocation of grit to the Town Council. In connection with the comments made earlier in the meeting by Mr Crisp, she would follow up the attitude of South Lakeland District Council staff to the matter. She had noted that the District Council had been very short of grit supplies.

On behalf of Ms K Atkinson, Mrs Borer reported on a Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting held that day. The driving chains used by the Ferry recently have had a short lifespan. More substantial ones had been ordered for installation in Spring 2010. Fares are rising but contract ticket still remain good value.

**235. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The Mayor reported that he attended the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations of the Trefoil Guild.

The Council had been notified last week that Cumbria County Council were providing supplies of grit to local Town and Parish Councils for the Councils then to make their own arrangements for distribution and usage within their areas. On behalf of the Town Council, Paul Holdsworth the Town Centre Manager had made arrangements for delivery and

distribution of the grit which had involved approximately 25 separate individuals and organisations.

Mrs E Greasley was concerned that she had not been contacted to be advised of the delivery of grit for distribution by the Town Council. The Mayor felt that, in the circumstances, the email notification to those Councillors on email was the most effective means of communication.

Mrs J Borer reported on a meeting held earlier that day of the Windermere Waterfront Steering Group. There would be consultation on the final options relating to the Masterplan on the Glebe later this year.

The Council considered the report relating to food and drink sales on the Glebe for the Airshow and received a letter from Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade.

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to:-

- 1) Support an approach to the District Council to enable trading for the provision of food and drink on the Glebe and Pitch and Putt Course for Windermere Air Show 2010.
- 2) Support the proposal that local business be permitted to trade in a corridor on the Glebe alongside Glebe Road and that any external business be permitted to trade in a food village on the pitch and putt course provided that these external businesses were providing quality and came from the wider local area.
- 3) That this provision of food and drink be for one event only, namely the Windermere Air Show 2010 and no further requests will be made until a full evaluation has been made and considered on the impact of trading at the Airshow 2010.

#### **236. TOWN STEWARD**

The Council noted that the Town Steward's initial contract had expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009. It was resolved to continue the contract on an annual basis. The Steward would be thanked for his work so far.

#### **237. JUNCTION A592 and LONGTAIL HILL**

The Council received a letter from Mrs McDonnell.

They agreed that it would be referred to the County Council without comment

#### **238. POLICE SAFETY STRONGER COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

The Police had requested the Council for permission to hold regular monthly public meetings in the Council Chamber prior to Council Meetings. At these meetings, the public are invited to share information with the Police to improve the Police Community Interface. The Meetings would take place in the Council Chamber between 6pm and 7pm.

It was agreed to approve the proposal on a trial arrangement commencing in February. It would left to the Police to advise which days they would prefer.

#### **239. LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK – CALL FOR SITES CONSULTATION**

The National Park had enquired whether the Council knew of any suitable sites for local housing, employment and open space/recreation areas. It was agreed that if any Councillor knew of any such sites, they should advise the Clerk.

**240. FIRE STATION VISIT**

It was agreed to advise the Fire Service that the Council would like to visit the Fire Station on any Tuesday or Wednesday in the near future at 6pm with approximately twelve Councillors attending.

**241 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Clerk advised the Council that agreement had been reached with National Grid for them to carry out the laying of a new gas pipe through Council owned land being the access road to Elleray Roads immediately adjacent to the A591. This was subject to certain conditions that the Clerk read out to the Council.

The Council received notification of road closures relating to re-surfacing works on the A5074 Kendal Road, Bowness from its junction with Longtail Hill, northwards to St Martins Church and the Low Fold, Fallbarrow Road of Bowness.

The Council received the Minutes of Lakes Parish Council.

Mrs H Stephenson requested that wherever possible, Agendas should be sent to Councillor's electronically. The Clerk advised that as he understood the position, the Agenda's included a summons to Councillors to attend meetings and that the legislation did not provide for that summons to be served electronically. He would however investigate the position.