

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mrs J Stocker (Deputy Mayor) Mesdames S Clayton, J L Garlick, C Hallatsch, J Jewell, V Newton and H Stephenson. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, A Marsh, M Stafford, J Walters and A Winrow.

Also in attendance was County Councillor Mr J Stephenson.

139. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor and Mesdames J S Borer and E Greasley together with District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams.

140. NEW MEMBERS

The Deputy Mayor welcomed Mrs Clayton and Mrs Newton to their first meeting as Councillors.

141. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests in any of items on the Agenda were declared by members.

142. MINUTES

The Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 28th September 2009.

143. MATTERS ARISING

An email had been received from Tim Farron MP confirming that he has signed the early day motions relating to the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Act

A demonstration of Council Chamber audio had been arranged for 10.30am on Tuesday 3rd November.

144. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| 7/09/5482 | Fell Foot Park- Floating Jetty – No objection |
| 7/09/5483 | Elleray Bank Coach House, Carriage Drive – Carport – concerned as to colour of finished materials |
| 7/09/5490 | The Homestead, Troutbeck Bridge - Erection of building for storage and ancillary accommodation (Retrospective) - Approve |
| 7/09/5511 | Abacus House, 11 Upper Oak Street - Convert into two flats - Approve |
| 7/09/5525 | 25 Crescent Road - Replace external signage - Approve |
| 7/09/5526 | 23 Limethwaite Road - Single Storey Extension at rear – No objections in principle but prefer a design more in keeping with the property |

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

M J Stephenson had noted the local concerns as regards the replacement of one of the fire engines at Windermere. He would discuss this with the Chief Fire Officer.

It was agreed that the Town Council would obtain a copy of the risk assessment from the Fire Authority relating to the decisions, and to invite someone from the Fire Service to attend a future meeting to discuss this.

Mrs H Stephenson reported that she had prepared some material for publication in The Hub relating to housing issues.

146. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Mr A Legge reported on the Orrest Head and Elleray Wood Advisory Group Meeting that had taken place the previous evening that he attended with Councillor Mrs Houlihan.

Mr A Winrow reported on the Town Council Web-Site development. A specification was going out to tender.

He had attended the Rotary Club Air Show Meeting for stakeholders. He gave statistics on the performance of the 2009 event and financial results. The Rotary Club were now actively considering plans for the 2010 event.

Mr L Hallatsch had attended the Chamber of Trade meeting which had received a presentation on Employment Law.

Mr A Legge advised that the local First Responders had gone live a week ago. They have been called out 7 times in first week.

It was agreed to ask a representative from the First Responders to attend a Council Meeting to update the Council on the Group's Work.

It was agreed to contact South Lakeland District Council to see how works were progressing on the roof at Langstone House.

145. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

146. CLERKS SALARY

The Council noted and approved the National Salary Award on which the Clerk's Salary was based with effect from the 1st April 2009.

147. REGISTRATION OF TITLE

The Clerk advised that the Council's Title to the War Memorial had now been registered. Because of the mechanism transferring the War Memorial from Windermere Urban District Council to the Parish Council in 1974 and the terms of the original Trust Deed of 2nd October 1922, the War Memorial was held by the Town Council free from any charitable trusts. This interpretation of the documentation and the transfer had been approved by the Charities Commission and any dealings with the War Memorial or its land would not require any formal consent from the Charities Commission.

148. LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

The Council received the Core Strategy and resolved to make no comment in respect thereof.

149. THE GLEBE BANDSTAND

The Council discussed ways in which the Bandstand may be better used. It was agreed to write to the District Council to see whether there was any possibility of providing temporary weather protection that could be installed whenever the bandstand was used. It was agreed in principle that more usage should be promoted. Councillor Marsh agreed to contact the Westmorland Gazette and Radio Cumbria. It was agreed to place this on a future Agenda after Councillors had considered the matter further and to consider the Town Council inviting Groups and Organisations to perform in the Bandstand. The Policy and Finance Advisory Group would be asked to consider making a Budget provision for this purpose.

Policy and Finance Advisory Group. The next meeting of this Group was fixed for Tuesday 3rd November at 7pm.

150. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Town Council had been advised that Hodge How Wood would be subject to thinning operations. This is following consultation with the Forestry Commission and the Lake District National Park Authority.

The Council received Minutes and Agenda for the Lakes Line Rail User Group and Lakes Parish Council.

The Clerk would respond on a Questionnaire circulated by South Lakeland District Council relating to the future format of Code of Conduct training.

The Council received notification of a Tree Preservation Order affecting Groups of Trees at Bowfell, Middle Entrance Drive. It was noted that RSPB were running an event at Bowness raising awareness of issues relating to feeding of swans and ducks.