

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

Mr W Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J L Garlick, E Greasley, J Jewell, H Stephenson and J Stocker. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, A Marsh, J Walters and A Winrow.

Also in attendance was District Councillor Miss K Atkinson, and PCSO S Livett

**111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames J S Borer, C Hallatsch and Messrs D J Fawcett, J H Morphet, M Stafford and District Councillor Mr D Williams.

**112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr A Legge declared a personal interest in the item on the Agenda relating to the Char Boat Planter in Ellerthwaite Square.

**113. TROUTBECK BRIDGE SWIMMING POOL –**

Mr V Dodd and Mr D Cowan from LIFE who operated Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool addressed the Council. First of all, they thanked the Council for the financial assistance given to them this year.

They explained that the building was now at the end of its life, it could only be maintained in its present condition for a maximum of perhaps 5 years.

Their organisation now has links with Sheffield International venues which is a major swimming pool and leisure operating company. This input had enabled them to improve the facilities so as to increase the number of regular swimmers. The fitness unit had been remodelled and updated. 15 staff were now employed full or part time.

They presented their proposal for re-development of the site. The redevelopment would take place in conjunction with the Lakes School and involved the construction of a new six lane swimming pool, an eighty station gym, three aerobic studios, a climbing wall, the retention of the existing Sports Hall and the conversion of the existing swimming pool into a Conference and Training Centre. LIFE were now the Leaseholders of the site and had obtained charitable status. The new Leisure Centre, if completed, would be operated by Sheffield International venues and the target was complete on or before 2012 to tie in with the London Olympics. The projected construction costs were 6.5 million pounds. They had applied for a grant of 2.5 million from Sport England. Initial discussions with the National Park had been encouraging.

The two representatives then answered questions and were thanked for their attendance.

**114. MINUTES**

The Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.

**115. MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk read out the comments from the Judges of Cumbria in Bloom. Letters of thanks were received from the Windermere in Bloom Committee and an attendee at the Awards Evening. It was noted that Continental Landscapes had identified locations for a wildlife area which should be implemented for next year.

**The County Council** had replied to a question as to whether there was a survey of the condition, location and effectiveness of road signs to state that signs are replaced, removed or amended on an ad hoc basis as and when required and there was no formal inventory of signs requiring attention.

**The Community Engagement Officer** at South Lakeland District Council had responded favourably to the Town Council's request for a larger representation on the initial Lakes Local Area Partnership Workshop. It was agreed that the Town Council should request five or six representatives.

#### **116. POLICE**

PCSO Scott Livett reported on the Great North Swim that had taken place the previous weekend. The new traffic management scheme had appeared to have worked well. He answered questions from Councillors.

#### **117. 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:-

7/07/5409 Hillthwaite House Hotel, Thornbarrow Road – Conservatory (Amended Scheme) – Approve

7/09/5448 Brackenridge Barn, Ghyll Head – Garage – Approve

7/09/5451 Stable Cottages, Heaning Lane – Variation of occupancy condition – Approve

7/09/5453 Thornbank Guest House, 4 Thornbarrow Road – Extension to owners accommodation – Approve

7/09/5464 17 North Craig – Demolish conservatory and reconstruct living room – Approve.

7/09/5465 Abbey National, 8 Crescent Road – 1 Fascia Sign, 1 Letterbox plate, 1 wall plaque, 1 ATM header - Approve

#### **118. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

Mrs H Stephenson advised that the scope of the public conveniences consultation and the timetable for it had now been agreed.

The District Council had also approved a revised marketing strategy for Rayrigg Road Cemetery Chapel. This would be done by informal tender, in view of the sensitive issues.

#### **119. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.**

Mr L Hallatsch that as a member of CALC, he had been appointed to represent that body on the South Lakeland District Council Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Mrs J Jewell reported on anniversary celebrations for the Cumbria Advisory Group for Thyroid Sufferers.

Mrs E Greasley reported on the Windermere in Bloom presentation. This had been well attended and 16 trophies awarded. The Council noted its thanks to all who had helped including specifically a vote of thanks to Councillors Christine Hallatsch and Lisa Greasley together with Diane Fisher.

Mrs Joan Stocker reported that she had collected the Town's award from the Cumbria in Bloom Presentation. This was being shared with Dalton in Furness who having the award for the first six months.

The Mayor had been a guest of Kendal Town Council at the Torchlight Procession and the Soroptimists for a celebration meal. He reported on the Community Plan Meeting that had been held the previous evening. He had also recently attended the District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee to give evidence as regards information required by visitors the area. Mrs Stocker had attended the National Park Authority Site Visit relating to the proposed new house at Keldwyth Park.

#### **120. PROPOSED PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT CLEABARROW**

The National Park wished to alter the footpath route near Cleabarrow as a result of one landowner not renewing the permitted path agreement for part of the route.

The Town Council agreed to the proposal subject to improvements to road side verge at the new exit.

#### **121. CHAR BOAR PLANTER – ELLERTHWAITE SQUARE**

Further to Minute No. 100 on Page 27, the Town Council agreed that the District Council should be pressed for a reply as to whether they were prepared to see improvements to this area and for the Town Council to take over maintenance of it.

It was noted that the Civic Society's letter stated that their principle aim was improve the appearance of the island. It may be that the Civic Society be prepared to consider other ways of improving the appearance of the island with or without a Char Boat.

#### **122. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Council received Notice of the next meeting of the Windermere and Staveley Neighbourhood Forum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, also received was the strategic housing market assessment produced by the Cumbria Housing Group, and notification of a meeting the following night of the Lake District Parish Councils