

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2010

Mesdames W F Smith (Mayor) Mesdames E Greasley, C Hallatsch, J Jewell and J Stocker. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, A Marsh, M P Nicholson, and J Walters.

Also present were District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams, Sergeant Stevens and PSO Llvett and two members of the public.

271. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames S Clayton, C D Houlihan, V Newton and H Stephenson and Messrs J H Morphet and A Winrow.

272. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Messer's Houghton and Howarth spoke in connection with the planning application for the change of use of 37 Main Road. Both gentlemen were traders in Windermere and had concerns as to the planning application and the need for an additional food outlet in Windermere. They were thanked for their attendance.

273. MR M P NICHOLSON

The Mayor welcomed Mr Nicholson as the new Councillor for Bowness South Ward.

274. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

275. .MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 10th February were approved as a correct record.

276. MATTERS ARISING

a) Winter Maintenance of Roads and Footways

A letter had been received from the County Council and had been circulated to all Councillors with the Agenda.

It was noted that the County Council would consider any suggestions for additional grit bins but there was likely to be a full review of grit bins and how local communities could be supported in self help by the County Council.

The letter confirmed that footways in Bowness were categorised at a lower priority than those in centre in Windermere and that shop keepers and residents would not be liable if they clear the highway in front of their premises provided that they took reasonable care to protect the safety of road and footway users.

b) A letter had been received from South Lakes Housing in connection with the Council's concerns relating to the future of the sheltered housing scheme at School Knott Close. The letter was lengthy and it was agreed to circulate this with the next Agenda to all Councillors. Essentially, the District Council had decided that it was no longer cost effective for School Knott Close to continue in its present form and a sensitive consultation and re-housing process was underway. This was expected to take at least twelve to eighteen months. The District Council were also undertaking a process about the future for Council Housing in the District over the next thirty years. There was a number of options open to the District Council in this regard.

- c) A letter had been received from Queens Park Bowling Club advising that their new scoring shed had now been erected.
- d) A letter of thanks was received from Windermere Air Show in connection with the recent grant from the Town Council.
- e) Further to Minute No. 269 on Page 72, the Clerk had reviewed alternative options to safeguard the Council's balances and to ensure that the full benefits of the financial services compensation scheme would apply to all the Councils deposits in the event of any financial institution in which the Council held money failing to meet its obligations.

He recommended to the Council investing the sum of £50,000 in the a Cumberland Building Society 30 days Notice Account which attracted interest at present of 1.25% gross per annum.

It was resolved to transfer the sum of £55,000 from the Councils deposit account at HSBC in to a Cumberland Building Society 30 days Notice Account. The signatories on this account would be the same as those that operated the Bank Account, namely the Mayor, Mr W F Smith, the Deputy Mayor Mrs J Stocker and Mrs J S Borer.

277. POLICE

Sergeant Stevenson advised the Council that a temporary Inspector had been appointed to the Windermere Station. Inspector Chris O'Hare. The recent Youth Disco had been attended by a 197 young people and had been a very good event. 20 young people had attended the Go-Karting Event in Maryport. The speed indicator was presently sited in Princes Road. He then answered questions from the Council.

278. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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| 7/09/5773 | Fallbarrow Park, Rayrigg Road - Development of 25 pitches – Concerned as to effects on sewage disposal system |
| 7/10/5049 & 5005 | Former Charles Adams Clinic, Fallbarrow Park, Rayrigg Road Convert upper floors to self catering accommodation - Approve |
| 7/10/5035 | 37 Main Road, Windermere - Change of Use from retail to Restaurant/café – Refuse – concerned as to proliferation of food outlets and loss of a retail unit |
| 7/10/5038 | Unit 3, Royal Square, Bowness - 1 internally illuminated Fascia sign - Approve |
| 7/10/5039 | Bryers Cottage, Far Sawrey - Replacement timber jetty (like for like) - Approve |
| 7/10/5042 | Spooner Landing, Newby Bridge Road - Boathouse, dayroom, jetty & slipway – Refuse, concerned as to materials to be used and new development on the lakeshore. |
| 7/10/5054 | Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road - New emergency escape staircase – Approve in principle but prefer use of more traditional materials. |

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

Miss K Atkinson advised that as District Councillor, she had received correspondence from Lidel Stores who were looking for a site for a Supermarket in Windermere.

Mr D Williams advised the Council that the District Council revised Car Parking charges and hours would be applied for the coming financial year.

280. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Mrs E Greasley briefly reported on the visit to the Fire Station. She also updated the Council on progress relating to allotments in Windermere & Bowness,

Mr J Walters reported that a public seat had been removed from the junction of Lickbarrow and Park Roads. It was agreed to place a review of seats on the next Agenda.

The Mayor reported on the meeting of the Central Lakes Local Area Partnership. It was agreed to circulate the Minutes of that meeting with the next Agenda and to an Agenda item to nominate four representatives to attend future meetings together with substitutes.

281. GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following grants would be made:-

- a) Great North Air Ambulance £3,000.00 (£2,500.00 in 2009)
- b) In response to a funding request from Morag Leiper who was Chair of a group of people who wished to be involved with sustainability issues and was seeking financial support for the showing of the film on these issues, it was agreed to make a grant of £200.00 to cover the cost of the licence for showing the film and for advertising and printing costs. This would be on the basis that the Grant would be made payable to South Lakes Development Trust since the group did not presently have a bank account and had not yet been formally constituted, any surplus funds from the Grant would also be returned to the Town Council.
- c) Cumbria in Bloom Signs. – Mr A Marsh updated the Council on the present situation. It was agreed that the wording on the signs would read “Cumbria in Bloom Award Winners”. Three signs would be purchased with the location for the Bowness sign to be determined.

282. FLOOD ACTION GROUP

The Environment Agency are encouraging local communities to set up a Flood Action Group in their area. An email had been received from the Chamber of Trade who were interested in taking part in this Group.

It was considered that this could be a project for consideration by the Local Area Partnership and it was agreed to forward the information on to them.

283. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved and passed for payment:

E-On	Electricity – St Martins Tree	21.63
Alfred Mossop & Co 587.50	Annual Risk Assessment	
G. Hancox	Town Steward	726.77
Newsquest (North West) Ltd	Clerk Designate Advert	305.50
Bowness & Windermere Community Care Trust	Grant – Phoenix User Groups	2,000.00
Rotary Club of Windermere	Airshow Grant	3,000.00

North West Air Ambulance	Grant	350.00
Cumbria Rural CAB	Grant	2,000.00
B G Whittaker	Salary	487.58
HMRC	PAYE	452.77
Thomson Wilson Pattinson	Post & Copying	215.75

284. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

With reference to the consultation on Public Toilet provision, the Consultants were offering a Joint Meeting with Kendal and Windermere Town Councils. It was agreed to advise the Consultants that the Town Council would prefer the meeting in the evening of Thursday 11th March.

It was noted that the Volunteer Centre South Lakeland would be closing at the end of March.

It was noted that the Windermere Reflections Project that had commenced in October 2008 was to be revived and that the Council would express its interest in involvement.

It was agreed to renew the contract with Mrs S Longden for maintenance and planting of the War Memorial Garden.

The Council had been advised by South Lakeland District Council that one of the large Lime Trees down on the shoreline by the Glebe would have to be felled due to defects. It would be replanted next year.