

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2010**

W F Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, S Clayton, J Jewell, V Newton and J Stocker. Messrs A B Legge, J H Morphet, M P Nicholson, J Walters, and A Winrow.

Also present was PC Rebecca Hunter and four members of the public.

**297. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames E Greasley, C Hallatsch and H Stephenson and Messrs L J Hallatsch, A Marsh and M Stafford together with District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams.

**298. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Morris who owned a guest house on Biskey Road spoke in connection with the planning application for affordable housing to be considered later on in the meeting. He was representing other Guest House businesses on Biskey Howe. Whilst they were not objecting to the affordable housing in principle, they were concerned as to access to the site and severe inconvenience that construction traffic would cause to residents on Biskey Howe Road and their businesses. They were also concerned as to sewerage and surface water provision in respect of the development and the economic impact on their businesses during construction work.

Mr R Gibson of 145 Craig Walk also spoke with his concerns on the effect of the development to the rear of their property and their amenity and the surface water issues and the amenity effects on the Biskey Howe View Point.

**299. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr J Morphet declared a personal interest in connection with item 15 relating to the planting of the traffic island at Longtail Hill. Mrs S Clayton declared a personal interest in connection with the planning application relating to 5 Maple Court, Cross Street.

**300. .MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 10<sup>th</sup> March were approved as a correct record with minor amendments.

**301. BOWNESS SOUTH WARD**

The Clerk advised that Mrs Dyan Jones had not attended Council Meetings for a consecutive period of six months. In accordance therefore with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, she automatically ceased to be a Councillor. The Council therefore declared a vacancy in Bowness South Ward and the Clerk was instructed to prepare the usual notices.

**302. MATTERS ARISING**

The Council received quotations as follows:-

- a) Grounds Maintenance – Langrigge Play Area – Continental Landscapes  
£1500 plus VAT
- b) VFMS Watering Hanging Baskets  
£2205 plus VAT

- c) Mrs S Longden – Maintenance of War Memorial Gardens and Seats therein  
£1735.00

It was agreed to accept these quotations.

The Council received a letter of thanks from North West Air Ambulance in connection with its recent donation.

The County Council had advised that they were reviewing the 2009/10 experience with regard to Winter Maintenance. They advised that an information sheet and proforma for responses will be issued to Town and Parish Councils for response by the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### **303. POLICE**

PC Rebecca Hunter reported on incidences of car crime. The next Youth Disco would held on the coming Friday. The Alcohol Awareness Box was being well used and she again thanked the Town Council for the supply of this.

### **304. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Nine 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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| 7/10/5045 | Clover Nook, Helm Road – Two Storey Extension to provide additional lounge and bedroom – Approve   |
| 7/10/5056 | 5 Maple Court, Cross Street – Extension – Approve  |
| 7/10/5068 | Jordan Building, College Road – Vary condition to use reclaimed blue slate – Approve   |
| 7/10/5087 | Anne Wilson Ltd, Royal Square – Change of Use – Retail to combined shop and café – Approve   |
| 7/10/5091 | The Lodge, Burnside Park & Burnside Hotel – Revised Signage – Approve  |
| 7/10/5093 | 14 Crescent Road – Change of Use – Retail to combined shop & café – Withdrawn  |
| 7/10/5103 | Beechwood Hotel, Beresford Road – First & Second Floor Extension to owners existing accommodation – Approve  |
| 7/10/5112 | Storrs Gate House, Longtail Hill – Alterations to entrance – Approve   |
| 7/10/5124 | Biskey Howe Road – Demolish Chalets, Build 14 affordable houses – Concerns as to the effects on neighbouring properties and businesses from construction traffic. Local surface water problems have been brought to the Council's attention and needs to be addressed as well as further strain on the foul sewerage system . Overintensive development which would generate substantial additional vehicle movements on Biskey Howe Road. |

### **305. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Mrs J Stocker reported on a meeting with the consultants relating to toilet provision in the Kendal Town Hall and also on the Cumbria in Bloom Meeting at Rydal Hall.

Mr J Morphet drew to the Council's attention large puddles that were appearing in wet weather on Ash Street. It was also noted the similar problems at the corner of Birch Street and Crescent

Road near the Post Office. It was agreed to raise this with the County Council's Highway Steward.

An update relating to Windermere in Bloom and Litterpick had been prepared by Councillor Greasley and circulated with the Agenda. The Clerk had received an email confirming the reservation for the Windermere in Bloom Awards Evening on the 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Since there would appear to be still some confusion relating to the date of the Awards Evening, it was agreed to place this on the Agenda for the next meeting and that the Clerk should contact the Hydro advising them that the 7<sup>th</sup> September had not yet been confirmed by the Town Council.

### **306. CLERK DESIGNATE**

The Clerk reported that three applications had been received. It was agreed that an interview panel consisting of the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and Mesdames Borer, Clayton and Newton would interview the candidates on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. The panel were also authorised by the Council to appoint a candidate to fill the post if thought fit

### **307. FLOWER BED – LONGTAIL HILL**

Mr J Morphet left the room during the discussion of this matter.

Although Rotary had agreed to pay for the initial planting and future maintenance and future maintenance of this flower bed, there was an estimated £400 - £500 of work to be done for site preparation.

No fixed estimate had been received from Continental Landscapes.

It was agreed in principle to cover the cost of these works, the Council's liability not to exceed £500.00.

Subsequent to the meeting, a formal estimate for Continental Landscapes in the sum of £400.00 plus VAT was received and the work was authorised to be done.

### **308. TALK TOILETS CONSULTATION**

Although the consultation period had been extended until the 11<sup>th</sup> April, the Town Council needed to consider a response to the Consultation. The Council had been circulated with a draft of the response from the Central Lakes Local Area Partnership and used that as a basis for its comments.

It was resolved that the Council's response would be broadly the same as the draft response from the Central Lakes Local Area Partnership, but the Council would also specifically say that Windermere Town Council would not wish to get directly involved in providing or managing toilets.

### **309. REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Council considered the overall summary and Action Plan prepared by the Council. They resolved to accept the review.

### **310. INTERNAL AUDIT**

The Council reviewed the effectiveness of the Council's internal audit, the relationship with the accountants who carried that out and relate matters.

The Council resolved that they were satisfied at the effectiveness of the internal audit.

**311. ACCOUNTS**

The following accounts were approved and passed for payment:-

Sue Longden	Stain War Memorial Benches	365.00
CALC	Subscription	544.50
CALC	Local Council Review	72.00
D Miller	Pressure Wash War Memorial Steps	65.00
SLDC	Rent of land at Elleray Wood	39.00
SLDC	Quarry Rigg Public Conveniences	455.75
Cumbria in Bloom	Entry Fee	30.00
WPS	Insurance Premium	1,844.86
B G Whittaker	Salary	487.58
HMRC	PAYE	452.77
Thomson Wilson Pattinson	Post & Copying	226.12

**312. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Council received Agenda and Minutes of the Lakes Line Rail User Group, Tree Preservation Orders relating to Bowfell, Middle Entrance Drive and Landgrigge Howe, Agenda for Lakes Parish Council, Agenda for the Windermere Diessen Twinning Association, Air Quality Monitoring Results for 2009.