

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2009**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT**

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

Also in attendance were District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams and PCSO Scot

**41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D J Fawcett.

**42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mrs J Jewell declared a personal interest in the planning application relating to St Cuthbert's School as a neighbouring property owner. Mr A Legge declared a personal interest relating the Agenda item concerning a boat planter in Ellerthwaite Square as a member of the Civic Society

**43 POLICE**

PCSO Scott reported that although there had been increase in burglaries in the area, the increase was lower than the national average. Overall crime figures were still reducing.

The Kidwise Project was to start soon and the Streetsafe Project was ongoing. The next school disco would be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

He then answered questions from Councillors.

It was noted that the Cumbria South Area Special Constables had won an award for their efforts and attendance.

It was agreed to write to the County Council enquiring whether it was possible to raise the height of the mini roundabout at Queens Square. PCSO Scott was then thanked for his attendance.

**44. MR STEVE RATCLIFFE – LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

Mr Ratcliffe provided an update to the Council on the Windermere Waterfront Programme highlighting developments at the Low Wood Hotel, Brockhole, Bowness Bay including the Glebe and the Fell Foot to Lakeside Hotel area.

He also updated the Council on the Bowness to Waterhead Cycle Way study. Further funding had been received and there was pressure from the Government and National Organisations to fill in the gaps in the Keswick to Kendal Cycleway. Consultation was shortly to start and options for cycleway routes would be considered. The difficulties of providing a cycleway between the Low Wood Hotel and Waterhead were appreciated and consideration was being given to providing an over the water route in this area. Mr Ratcliffe then answered questions from Councillors and was thanked for his attendance.

**45. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June were approved as a correct record.

**46. MATTERS ARISING**

The District Council had replied in connection with the damaged seats in Ellerthwaite Gardens and confirmed that they would be repaired shortly.

**47. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

7/09/5243 32 St Marys Park – Extensions and Alterations – Approve

7/09/5255 93 Droomer Drive – 2 Storey Extensions – Approve

7/09/5268 St Cuthberts Primary School, Princes Road – Erection of Canopy & replace window with door – Approve

7/09/5276 Brackenrigg Lodge, Windy Hall Road – Erect Deer Fence to Boundary

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

Mr D Williams advised the Council of the partial closure of the Tourist Information Centre at Windermere with effect from October 2009.

Miss K Atkinson reported that the Lake Administration Committee recently circulated a questionnaire. The replies had highlighted requests for more public jetties and better policing of the same.

**49. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.**

Mr L Hallatsch reported on a recent CALC Meeting. The Meeting had heard from the District Council in connection with its corporate plan, parish charter and local area partnerships. The District Council Officers advised that costings had been prepared on Public Conveniences which were to be submitted to the Cabinet in July. Mr Hallatsch had been elected to the South Lakeland Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

Mrs J Stocker advised that Windermere Community Safety Partnership Meeting would be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June. A Windermere Community Action Plan Meeting had recently been held and the draft plan would be issued shortly.

Mr J Morphet reported that the District Council had installed a tree in front of the Aquarius as promised. However, cars were now parking either side of it. It was agreed to write to the District Council.

The Mayor reported on a meeting with the operators of Windermere Post Office. He highlighted the services available there. More use of the Post Office would ensure that it remained as a service for the community. He had also met with the Boxing and Judo Clubs that used the form squash court at Queens Park. They were hoping to improve the facilities there.

Mrs E Greasley reported on the recent litterpick which was well supported and collected many bags of rubbish.

It was agreed that the budget for the prize giving at the Hydro and refreshments for judges for Cumbria in Bloom should not exceed £700.00.

The mayor reported that he had attended the South Lakeland Strategic Partnership Meeting. He had also been discussing the District Council and the National Park Authority the relationship between toilet provision and social enterprise.

**50. POLICY AND FINANCE ADVISORY GROUP**

The Council received the recommendations of the Group and agreed to make a Grant of £1,500 to the Windermere and Bowness Winter Lights Group, £500.00 to the Twinning Association. It was agreed that the Annual General Meeting would take place as separate meeting on a different date from an ordinary Council Meeting. The use of a secret ballot would be continued. Some of the appointments that were made each year would be reviewed as to whether they justified any input from the Town Council. It was also agreed that Town Council groups such as Policy and Finance, Lake Sub-Committee and Orrest Head and Elleray Wood should be subject to election of half the committee every two years.

**51. ORREST HEAD AND ELLERAY WOOD ADVISORY GROUP**

The Council received the Minutes of a Meeting of the Advisory Group. They noted the report on the health of various trees from Treescapes Consultancy and confirmed the felling of the trees identified in the report as being presenting a risk to the public.

The Council approved the preparation of a new Management Plan by Treescapes Consultancy at an approximate cost of £1300 to £1600 plus VAT.

The Council noted the meeting the Clerk had with Environmental Services Department at South Lakeland District Council relating to drainage issues at the recommendations that had been made.

**52. PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

**53. PLANNING APPEALS**

The following appeal had been determined –  
91 Droomer Drive – Extension 7/08/5216 Dismissed.

The following appeal had been lodge:-  
7/08/5674 Antenna Support – verge adjacent to St Annes School, Browhead, Patterdale Road

**54. 2008/09 ACCOUNTS**

The Council approved the Statement of Accounts for submission to the external auditor. They noted the comments made by the Council's internal auditor. The Council also approved the annual governance statement.

**55. SEATING AND PLANTERS CRESCENT ROAD**

The Town Centre Manager had requested that the Town Council considered adopting the three benches on Crescent Road that had been removed after a number of vehicle strikes. The County Council had indicated that if the Town Council agreed to adopt the benches, they would supply and install seats to match the existing ones. If the Town Council chose to adopt an alternative design. This would have to be funded by the Town Council itself.

If the Town Council does not adopt the benches the County Council has advised the benches would be replaced in their existing positions or not replaced at all.

It was agreed to defer a decision on this matter. The Council were concerned at the County Council's attitude to this matter. Quotations would be obtained as to the replacing the benches with better materials but the same appearance and the County Council should offer an explanation as to why an exact replacement was required.

The Council also considered whether it should take over responsibility for the planters on Crescent Road from 2010. It was agreed to defer decision on this matter until quotes were obtained for the cost of planting,

#### 56. WEB-SITE

The Council considered the draft specification prepared by Councillor Winrow. Mr Winrow was thanked for his efforts in producing the specification. It was agreed that Councillors should provide feedback to Councillor Winrow to enable him to refine the specification which could then be submitted to Contractors for quotes on developing the site.

#### 57. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed to a request from the District Council to permit the Honda Goldwing Club to hold a Rally on the Glebe on the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### 58. ACCOUNTS

The Council agreed the Accounts on the Schedule and passed them for payment:-

		£
Continental Landscapes Ltd	Install Hanging Baskets	747.50
Mrs S Longden	War Memorial Bedding Plants	182.50
Cumbria Clock Co. Ltd	Baddeley Clock Service	97.75
Cumbria C C	Planting Hanging Baskets	1207.50
Ambleside Tree Services	Tree Felling Elleray Wood	603.75
B G Whittaker	Salary	658.80
HMRC	PAYE	271.49
Thomson Wilson Pattinson	Postage & Copying	183.20
W Smith	Mayor's Allowance	750.00
T. Bland	Clockwinder	75.00
Complete Weed Control	Spray Japanese Knotweed Elleray Wood	89.70