

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 24TH MAY 2010

Mr W F Smith (Mayor) Mesdames S Clayton, J L Garlick, E Greasley, J Jewell and H Stephenson. . Messrs A B Legge, M P Nicholson, M Stafford, J Walters and A Winrow.

Also present were District Councillors Ms K Atkinson and Mr D Williams and 12 members of the public..

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames J S Borer, C Hallatsch, V Newton and J Stocker and Messrs L J Hallatsch and J H Morphet and County Councillor Mr J Stephenson.

18. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr P Holdsworth on behalf of the Windermere Allotments Association addressed the Council. The Association had been in discussions with landowners relating to possible allotment sites and garden sharing schemes. A plot had been identified at the rear of Orrest Drive Flats. The Association were very keen to proceed, and were not too concerned as to what mechanism would be used to provide the allotments. They urged the Town Council to do as much as possible to ensure that this project went forward. It was important that all authorities and groups worked together.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs H Stephenson declared a personal interest relating to the allotments item as a District Council Councillor. Mesdames J Garlick, E Greasley and the Mayor all declared personal interests relating the allotment item. Miss S Clayton declared a personal interest relating to the item concerning Robinson Place and one of the Planning Applications.

20. SCHOOL KNOTT CLOSE SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME

Fiona Harrison and Jackie Blenkinskip from South Lakeland Housing addressed the Council on the future of the sheltered housing scheme at School Knott Close. By October 2010 all costs and options should be available to enable decisions to be made and implemented by March 2011. These decisions were linked with decisions as to the future overall funding for South Lakeland Housing. They outlined the detailed consultation that would take place with residents. They then answered questions and were thanked for their attendance.

21. ALLOTMENTS PROVISION

The Council considered a letter received from South Lakeland District Council. This confirmed the Town Council understands that if a Local Authority was to provide allotments, then the relevant authority would be the Town Council. They also advise that the District Council had decided to allow some of its land to be used as temporary allotments and felt that the Town Council is best placed to ensure that land was used for the purpose it is intended and that they did not, at this time, wished to consider letting any such land to any other organisations other than the Town Council.

When the Town Council last considered the provision of allotments in 2009, it was resolved that the Council would not offer allotments directly but would support the Allotments Association in their efforts. The Clerk pointed out to the Council obligations and responsibilities that the Council would have in taking a Lease of land for allotments from the District Council.

It was resolved that in principle, the Town Council would take steps to Lease land from South Lakeland District Council and other land owners with the intention of subletting that land to the

allotments association for them to provide allotments and manage the land subsequently. So far as the South Lakeland District Council land to the rear of Orrest Drive Flats was concerned, the Town Council agreed in principle to rent this land subject to detailed Heads of Terms relating to the Lease being approved at a subsequent of the Town Council. These terms would include specific provision for the Town Council to sub-let the whole of the site and also an option exercisable by the Town Council to terminate the Lease if a substantial part of the land was not used for allotment purposes. This was resolved unanimously.

22. MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 5th and 12th May 2010.

23. MATTERS ARISING

- a) Casual Vacancies - Bowness South Ward - The Clerk advised that the Council was now free to co-opt to fill these vacancies and notices had been posted in the Council's Noticeboards.
- b) The Council received a report relating to the trapping of Grey Squirrels in Elleray Wood. The postponed Bowness Bay and Glebe Master Plan Meeting had been rearranged for the 26th May.
- c) The taxi licensing manager of South Lakeland District Council had written to all taxi drivers operating in the Bowness area reminding them of the parking laws, particularly in the area around St Martins Square, Bowness
- d) NPS Group acting on behalf of South Lakeland District Council had written to advise that the Town Council was not permitted to re-varnish the front doors to the Council Chamber. The NPS Building Surveyor would contact the Clerk in due course.
- e) The Civic Society had offered to assist in a survey of benches and seats situated adjacent to roads and public footpaths, but excluding those that are in public parks and on land owned by local authorities.
- f) The Area Engineer for Cumbria Highways had advised that they would respond in detail relating to any proposed additional pedestrian crossings in Bowness once an inspection had taken place.

24. POLICE

No Police Representative was present. However, the Town Council resolved to support the nomination of PCSO Sarah Blacow as PCSO of the Year.

25. 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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| 7/09/5067 | Newstead, New Road - Erect Building for Staff accommodation and ancillary guest accommodation - Approve |
| 7/10/5185 | Storrs Holme, Storrs - Replace two timber Jetties, like for like - Approve |
| 7/10/5199 | Twin Oaks, Victoria Road - Application to extend time for implementation of consent for extension of Care Home - Approve |
| 7/10/5203 | Lindeth Gate, Lindeth Drive - Application to extend time for implementation of consent for extension - Approve |

- 7/10/5205 Hollywood Café, 37 Main Road - Change of Use to Coffee Shop (re-submission) - prefer to retain the retail unit. Refuse – too many outlets of this nature in Windermere
- 7/10/5220 Moss Cottage, Rose Cottage Lane - Garage for 3 vehicles - Approve
- 7/10/5226 Watermead, Old Hall Road - Utility Room & Hobby Room Extension. Conservatory extension.

26. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILORS

Mrs H Stephenson reported on a project undertaken jointly with St Marys Infant School and PCSO Sarah Blacow to deal with dog fouling.

A Street Safe Survey was to commence to address complaints relating to such matters as parking and school traffic in the Oldfield Road area.

Ms K Atkinson advised that the Oak Street pavements were to be resurfaced. The proposed housing land at Orrest Drive had now been transferred to the Housing Association.

Mr D Williams reported that the District Council Chief Executive had retired on grounds of ill health.

27. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Mr M Stafford had been discussing with the recent Windermere Marathon Organisers the safety of runners on Newby Bridge Road. He had passed on details to the Clerk who had invited the organisers to address a future meeting of the Town Council.

Mrs E Greasley reported that the Hanging Baskets would now be installed this coming week and that there were now four sponsors. The litter pick had support from many organisations including the Chamber of Trade, Police, Lindeth College, National Park Wardens and Voluntary Wardens, the Town Steward, the Probation Service and the Schools together with private individuals. 58 bags of rubbish had been collected and a total of 34 people attended. She expressed her concern that only three Councillors had been present on the day although she had received apologies from a further four. It was agreed to write to the organisations involved expressing thanks for their assistance.

Mrs H Stephenson wished her objection to the allegation that Councillors were not supporting the project on the day to be registered.

The Mayor reported on a recent local area partnership meeting.

28. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

29. ORREST HEAD AND ELLERAY WOOD ADVISORY GROUP

The Council received the Minute of the Meeting held on the 10th May and accepted the recommendations.

They noted the letter written from the National Trust relating to the Northern Boundary of Elleray Wood and the Western Boundary of Orrest Head and accepted that the Town Council had, by virtue of the actions of Windermere Urban District Council and South Lakeland District Council over the past fifty odd years had assumed responsibility for that boundary.

30. ROBINSON PLACE

The Council received correspondence from South Lakeland District Council relating to the land at Robinson Place and the proposals from the adjoining owner of Churchill's Wine Bar. The Council were reminded that when the matter was last considered in 2005, the Council had resolved to reject the proposal preferring to see the site retained as it was with regular cleansing and maintenance and under the direct control of the District Council with further consideration being given for the provision of a drinking water fountain.

The Council resolved to support a meeting of all interested parties, including the Town Council with a view to seeking an improvement of the area whilst still maintaining public access.

31. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved and passed for payment:-

HMRC	PAYE	£535.97
B G Whittaker	Salary	£487.66
T Fletcher	Salary	£333.46
Thomson Wilson Pattinson	Post & Copy	£166.72
E ON	Electricity – St Martins	£307.97
G Hancox	Town Steward	£322.34

32. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Council received a letter from the Head Teacher at Windermere Infant School in connection with their proposed Street Clean Week for the 21st to 26th June concentrating on Dog Fouling.

It was agreed that the Town Council would produce at its expense, twenty posters of each of the designs produced by the children, a total of 140.