

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 25TH JANUARY 2010

Mr W F Smith (Mayor), Mesdames J S Borer, S Clayton, C Hallatsch, J Jewell, C Newton, and J Stocker. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, J H Morphet, M Stafford, and A Winrow.

Also in attendance were District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and Mr D Williams and PCSO Kayleigh Larg.

242. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames J L Garlick, E Greasley and H Stephenson and Messrs A Marsh and J Walters.

243. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

244. .MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13th January 2009 were approved as a correct record. An amendment to the minutes proposed by Mrs E Greasley in giving her apologies, was not approved.

245 DELIVERY OF AGENDAS BY EMAIL

The Clerk had researched this matter. The Local Government Act 1972 required a summons to a meeting to be left at or sent by post to the usual residence of every member of the Council. It was noted that whilst it may common practice to send Agendas and other documents by email, it does not comply with the statutory requirements of service and cannot lawfully be used as an alternative to delivery in person or by post.

246. POLICE

PCSO Kayleigh Larg reported that the recent crime statistics showed that statistically, comparing the last three months of 2009 with the same period in 2008 there had been a 67.5% decrease in crime within the Town Ward. Anti Social Behaviour had also shown a considerable decrease. This had been assisted by the Christmas "Respect" Campaign. The next wheel disco would be held on the 12th February. The Safer, Stronger Meeting in Windermere would be held every two months prior to a Council Meeting commencing on the 10th February. She then answered questions from Councillors.

247. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council considered the following applications and resolved to make the following comments to Lake District National Park Authority.

7/09/5762 Inglegarth, Ambleside Road – Conservatory – Approve

7/09/5764 Pipers House, The Common – Extension to form new Entrance and Library- Approve

7/09/5770 Park Lodge, Lake Road – Change of Use – Shop to Dwelling – Approve

7/09/5004 Oakfold House, Beresford Road – First Floor extension to owner's accommodation – Approve.

The Council had been notified that the following application had been withdrawn:-

First and Second Floor Extension to owners annexe accommodation to the rear of Beechwood Hotel, Beresford Road.

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

Mr D Williams advised that in connection with the resolution from the District Council Cabinet to increase Car Parking Charges, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had referred this back to the full Council for re-consideration.

249. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Mrs J Jewell had attended the Lakes Players Panto held recently at the Lakes School. The Performances had been excellent and were a credit to the organisation and the community.

Mr M Stafford reported traffic congestion at Goodly Dale Health Centre when the adjacent school opened and closed. It was agreed that the Council could take no action in this matter.

Mrs J Stocker reported on a Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau Meeting. The organisation was very tight on funds and will be considering additional fund raising in an attempt to make ends meet for the forthcoming year.

Mr A Winrow reported on a Windermere Air Show Committee Meeting relating to Food and Drink selling on the Glebe. Further discussions were taking place.

The Mayor reported that the County Council would be considering on the 26th January, the application for registration of The Glebe as a Village Green.

250. PLANNING DECISIONS

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

251. CONDITION OF ROADS AND PAVEMENTS DURING THE RECENT BAD WEATHER

Whilst accepting that the recent snowfalls and cold weather had been exceptional, a number of points had arisen that needed to be addressed by the County Council.

- 1) There was strong concern that the clearing of pavements in Bowness was at a lower priority than Windermere. This assessment does not recognise Bowness as a key contributor to the local economy despite it not being a local service centre and also does not recognise the significantly steeper pavement conditions in Bowness.
- 2) The County Council needs to consider local conditions in connection with snow clearance. It was noted that the southern part of the County had been affected more severely than the northern part.
- 3) Consideration should be given to provision of a small snow plough to clear pavements.
- 4) There was concern as to the lack of cover by officers during holiday periods and the contingencies provided for such periods.
- 5) The County Council should consider urgently pro-active partnership participation with other bodies including the Health Service, Fire Authorities, District Councils and the like so as to produce a co-ordinated plan for severe weather conditions which could

include such matters as the Health Service contributing to the County Councils road clearance budget to reflect the savings that would arise to the Health Service Budget if there were fewer slipping accidents.

- 6) Confirmation that shopkeepers and residents were not liable if they clear snow in front of their premises.
- 7) Additional locations for grit bins to be considered.
- 8) Further consultation required from the County Council as to whether tax payers were prepared to pay higher Council Tax for improved snow clearance services in bad weather conditions.
- 9) Better use of snow ploughs to clear side roads, thereby making reduced gritting stocks more effective.
- 10) Following on from the bad weather, there was serious concern as to potholes that had been left. The Windermere to Newby Bridge Road (A592) had been in very bad condition prior to the bad weather and was now considered to be dangerous in some places.

The Council would copy its concerns to Mr Tim Farron MP

252. CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN SOUTH LAKELAND

The Council received notification of a consultation on the future of public toilets in South Lakeland.

It was considered that the questionnaire that had been supplied was more directed towards individuals. It was noted that there would be a public exhibition at the Rayrigg Rooms on Friday 5th March between 3pm and 7.30pm and that Town Councillors could attend a preview session from 2pm on that day.

It was agreed to express an interest in meeting the consultants separately and all Councillors would be urged to attend the exhibition. The company carrying out the consultation should be urged to extend the consultation period from the 4th April to include the Easter Period so that visitors to the area could be targeted for consultation.

Following the exhibition, the Council would then consider its response in detail.

253. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were approved and passed for payment:-

BTCV	Tree Planting – Elleray Wood	279.86
G Hancox	Town Steward	320.72
D & W P	Alcohol Awareness Box	462.37
HMRC	PAYE	452.77
B G Whittaker	Salary	487.58
Thomson Wilson Pattinson	Post & Copying	220.90
SLDC	Annual Playground Inspection Fee – Langrigg	269.66

254 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Environment Agency in connection with the formation of a flood action group
- b) Temporary Prohibition of Traffic Order for St Martins Parade. As in recent temporary closure orders, no specific dates have been given and the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council expressing the Councils concern that specific dates could not be given.
- c) Minutes of the Windermere & Staveley District Neighbourhood Forum. Confirmation that the footpath diversion order at School Knott and the Bridleway diversion at Limefitt Park had been confirmed.
- d) Details were received of works to a woodland group at Faraway, Annisgarth were received. The Council resolved to make no objections.