



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

Representing the interests of the communities of Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge

Minutes of the Meeting

23 January 2012 at 7.00pm, The Council Chamber, Broad Street, Windermere

Minute No	
	<p>Present: Councillors Mrs J Stocker (Mayor), Miss K Atkinson, Mrs J S Borer, Ms S Britton, Mrs E Greasley, Mr L Hallatsch, Mrs J Jewell, Mr A B Legge, Mr M P Nicholson, Mr W F Smith, Mr M Stafford, Mr J Stephenson, Mr A Winrow</p> <p>Also present Mrs T Fletcher (Clerk), Miss K Jones (public)</p> <p>The meeting opened at 7.00pm.</p>
251.	<p>Apologies: Mrs P Henderson, Mr A Marsh, Mrs A Fenwick, Mrs H Stephenson Further apologies from District Councillor David Williams</p>
252.	<p>Minutes: The minutes of 11 January 2012 were amended at minute number 239 to confirm it is The Camping and Caravanning Club who were thought to be taking over Braithwaite Fold Caravan Site (as opposed to The Caravan and Camping Club); Minute No 245 Britain in Bloom meeting being held in Norwich not Nottingham.</p>
253.	<p>Declarations of Interest: Mr M Stafford for planning application at Langrigge Park; Mr B Smith for public conveniences.</p>
254.	<p>Police: 22 months into a cost reduction plan. Most categories of crime are reducing. Working on maintaining current low crime rates. The new non emergency number of 101 is now in use instead of the old 0845 number. There has been an increase in violent crime linked to the late night economy. The most reported crime is shop lifting. A 23 year old individual has been sentenced in relation to breaking into the ferry and rugby club and admitted to many more break-ins. Continuing problems are targeting of ATM machines, outboard motors from dinghy's and oil thefts.</p> <p>The issue of fog lights was discussed and it is an offence when not required. Offenders are stopped. An article with the official line may be included in The Hub.</p>
255.	<p>Public Input: Miss Kerry Jones addressed the council on the Credit union for South Lakeland. Pledge sheets and booklets with general information about credit unions were left. Miss Jones is a volunteer from the study group. So far there are 350 pledges in the South Lakes area. 1000 would justify a need for a Credit Union. About 60 of the current pledges are from the Bowness and Windermere area. There is to be a postal campaign imminently. Information will also appear in The Westmorland Gazette. A business plan is due out in late Spring and will be subject to FSA approval. If successful, they are looking at September/October when opening for business as a Credit Union. They will be based in Kendal. Still need to secure permanent premises. Collection points to be set up and security to be investigated. The</p>

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	Credit Union would be supported by SLDC but there would be no involvement on their part.
256.	<p>Mayor and Member Announcements:</p> <p><u>Mayor's Announcements</u></p> <p>Attended the Windermere Reflections launch at Ambleside, Community Safety Partnership, WIPE Meeting and TACT Meeting.</p> <p><u>Member's Announcements</u></p> <p>Viewfinder on Orrest Head - Wainwright Society offered to replace it. Would like to fund the whole thing as a 10th Anniversary event project.</p> <p>Website - application for a '.gov' domain name has been submitted. Currently making skeletal pages. Once the domain name is confirmed we can start populating the pages. Photographs and some texts have been sent to the web designer.</p> <p>Lake Administration - various unsuccessful attempts were made to change the fees. It was reported it was a heated meeting. Vivienne Rees was appointed Vice Chair. Views of the Councillors differed from it being a successful meeting with a sustainable budget to an unsatisfactory meeting with some accuracy on propositions being questioned. 3 Councillors voted against the increases, 1 voted for and 1 abstained.</p> <p>Community Safety Partnership - action plan updated, progress made in various fields. Activities for young people being planned. Sports Day in April on The Rec and another disco is planned.</p> <p>Training in Community Led Planning - various parishes attended.</p> <p>Two derelict houses - rat infestation. Been reported.</p> <p>Continental Landscapes is moving to Kendal in a bid to save money. They have recently cut back branches and growth in Queens Park.</p>
257.	<p>District and County Councillor's Reports:</p> <p>County Councillor Jo Stephenson reported that Cumbria County Council had opted to keep Council Tax at its current level.</p> <p>The Lakes School road has been adopted.</p>
258.	<p>Clerk's Report:</p> <p>The contents of the Clerk's Report were noted. The Clerk reported that some trees had fallen from Elleray Bank into Elleray Wood and had damaged some council owned walling. The Elleray Bank Management Committee will have this repaired once further tree work had</p>

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	<p>been undertaken (after successful application to LDNPA). There is another collapse on the wall between Causeway Farm and Orrest Head and this will need repairing. The kissing gate needs hinge repairs (cost £40).</p> <p>Installation of new lights on Rayrigg Road are due to commence around 27 February 2012.</p> <p>Ambleside HWRC is being threatened with closure. Some local parish councils are working together to try and prevent this. WTC representation is requested at these meetings.</p>										
259.	<p>Public Conveniences: It was reported that £277,000 for refurbishments has been requested from SLDC. Legal documentation has been instigated for the lease of Bowness Bay.</p>										
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261.	<p>Planning: Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 7/2011/5692 Gillthwaite Rigg, Lickbarrow Road, Windermere - erection of secure storage building for garden nursery and landscape gardening contractors machinery and equipment - approve. 2. 7/2012/5005 Middleshaw, Park Road, Windermere - demolition of existing garage, flat roofed canopy, store and bay window, erection of extension and new bay window - approve. 3. 7/2012/5006 Innesfallen, Longtail Hill, Bowness-on-Windermere - proposed new vehicular access (re-submission of 7/2011/5490) - approve. 4. 7/2011/5708 3 Langrigge Park, Bowness-on-Windermere - erection of a new detached dwelling for local needs - vehicular access is a concern but would approve if this was acceptable. 										

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	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>7/2011/5426 1 Lakeshore Boathouse, Storrs Park, Bowness-on-Windermere - application withdrawn.</p>
262.	<p>Dates of Next Meetings: Wednesday 8 February 2012 Monday 27 February 2012 Wednesday 14 March 2012 Monday 26 March 2012</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.07pm.</p>

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