

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 28 JUNE  
2010**

Present: Mr. W.F.Smith (Mayor) Mrs J Borer, Ms S Clayton, Mrs E Greasley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mr L J Hallatsch, Mrs J Jewell, Mr A B Legge, Mr A Marsh, Mr J H Morphet, Mrs V Newton, Mr M P Nicholson, Mrs H Stephenson, Mrs J Stocker, Mr J Walters, Mr A Winrow

**50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs J Garlick

District Councillors K Atkinson, D Williams, J Stephenson; Police - Sarah Blacow

**51. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Policy and Finance - Mrs E Greasley, Mr W F Smith and Mrs J Stocker; Mr J H Morphet for Planning Applications 7/1/5290 Briars Lee and 7/10/5270 Spindlestones.

**53. WINDERMERE MARATHON**

Deferred until 26 July 2010.

**54. MINUTES**

Minutes from the meeting of 9 June 2010 had a minor amendment to the rank of a police officer and were signed as a true and accurate record.

**55. MATTERS ARISING**

The County Council were contacted in regards to reducing the speed limit and relocating the 'queue ahead' sign at Bannerigg. Their response did not support reducing the speed limit as the road does not meet guidelines for a 30mph zone. There is a possibility of moving one 'queue ahead' sign (as they are quite close together) to where there is a frequent problem.

Robinson Place - NPS dealing with this on behalf of SLDC and they are currently waiting a response.

The Clerk wrote to various local schools with regards to fires and litter in Elleray Wood. One response from St Anne's had been received at the time of the meeting.

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**56. POLICE**

There were no police in attendance at the meeting. However PCSO Sarah Blacow had provided information by email on recent activities.

The handbag thief was back in the area on Friday having previously been in Kendal. Op trice (car park checks) and world cup patrols and Op Respect for anti-social behavior have been running. There had been a successful clean up week with partnerships around Windermere Infant School. Funding has been received from Windermere and Ambleside Lions to pay for a 6 week sailing course for 10 individuals (2 hours each Thursday). Two dates to be confirmed in the summer will have activities on the lake with Young Cumbria. This was another donation from Inner Wheel. The disco is back and being held at The Stags Head. The first one will take place on 23 July 2010 from 7pm to 10pm.

Ballot Boxes will be available from 1 July 2010. This is an initiative to get lakes residents to vote on local issues. Ballot boxes will be placed at Windermere Police Station, Windermere Library, Bowness Post Office, Ambleside Police Station, Ambleside Library, Grasmere Post Office, Langdale co-op, Coniston Library and Hawkshead Post Office for a period of 6 months.

**57. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

7/10/5250 37 Lake Road, Bowness - Projecting sign and two fascia signs - approve.

7/10/5267 Anne Wilson, Royal Square - Remove chimney, internally and externally - approve.

7/10/5268 Strawberry Gardens Caravan Park, Far Sawrey - Outfall to lake - approve.

7/10/5270 Spindlestones, Ferney Green - Raised timber decking to rear - approve.

7/10/5275 The Nook, Middle Entrance Drive - Conservatory at the rear - approve.

7/10/5290 Briars Lee, Ferney Green - Conservatory - approve.

**58. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

None from County Councillors.

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Hilary Stephenson reported on the clean up week. It had been a good opportunity to do lots of work with lots of leaflet drops. The 'Pick up your poo' campaign had been a successful pilot scheme to be rolled out throughout the district. August will see a national campaign - The Big Clean Up which will be held on The Glebe. Councillor Greasley requested information on the clean up week to include in a Cumbria in Bloom article.

**59. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

Lakes Line Meeting - a fence has been broken at Windermere Station which will be repaired. A bus service from the station to Bowness is currently under discussion. There will be a summer survey from 4 July to 7 July. The next meeting is in Oxenholme on 30 July 2010.

Planning Symposium NPA, Staveley - well attended for town parish/ councillors. There will be one full time Compliance Officer in our area. It was stated that they are keen for councillors and the general public to report infringements as the area covered is impossible to monitor alone. For any planning applications that are refused by the Town Council it was asked that recommendations as to how approval might be permitted for these applications be made. The National Park are willing to put on training sessions for interpreting planning applications.

Brockhole National Park Management Plan - a poorly attended meeting.

Windermere in Bloom - As with previous years, the Town Council have been asked to provide food for the judges, Renoirs have quoted £50 to provide this and the council resolved to commit to this. Cumbria in Bloom signs are due to be installed imminently.

Bowness sign - the council need to put a request in writing for moving the road sign on the Newby Bridge road as you enter Bowness. It is currently on the right hand side of the road on the reverse of a road sign.

Windermere Ferry Advisory Committee - an extra meeting has been held. There have been problems with the pulleys, the cables have not been good quality, these have been changed and this has solved directional crabbing, it is estimated these should last 2 years as opposed to the few month's previous cables have lasted. Consideration is being given to new landing lights for winter. CCTV is to be installed for safety and ensure correct working procedures. There will be a new appointee to

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oversee day to day management. New ticket machines have been provided. It was raised that the 'screeching and banging' had reappeared at the Ferry Nab landing.

Concern was expressed with respect to the pruning of the japonicas at the war memorial garden. These had been reduced in height only. The concern was that these may not survive the pruning.

LAP Meeting in Ambleside - 22 June 2010. There was a development of desire to see improvements of the A591 through all the parishes. Future meetings will address the Community Resilience Plan - the idea is this will be developed for Windermere and Bowness and see where it fits in with what SLDC and County have earmarked for the area. Once this is identified then the Community Resilience Plan would fill the gaps. Leaflets on the type of issues this could address have been distributed previously and are also available at [www.cumbria.gov.uk/emergency](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/emergency).

Lakes School Driveway - the potholes are to be tarmac filled by Chaplows using excess tarmac from other jobs.

Flookburgh Band will play at the bandstand on Thursday 1 July at 5.30pm weather permitting.

**60. PLANNING DECISIONS**

Moss Cottage - garage for 3 vehicles - approved subject to conditions.

**61. PLANNING APPEALS**

None

**62. LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

None

**63. ANNUAL RETURN AND INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Clerk explained the basis of the Annual Report and the new item relating to Fixed Assets. The internal audit had identified two areas for improvement, one relating to a tax code issue and the other to have periodic budget reviews. The council resolved to approve the Annual Return, and the Annual Governance Statement.

**64. CASUAL VACANCIES - BOWNESS SOUTH WARD**

The Councillors held a secret ballot and the following individuals were co-opted onto the council - Shane Parkinson and Brendan Higgins.

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**65. POLICY AND FINANCE**

Sarah Clayton briefly went over the minutes of a meeting held on 2 June 2010. Councillors Smith and Stocker left the room whilst the grant application to South Lakes Development Trust was discussed. The council resolved to grant £3000.

Windermere & Bowness Allotment Steering Group had applied for a grant for £1020 Councillor Greasley left the room and the council resolved to grant this.

Variations to Standing Orders - the whole council resolved to adopt the amendments put forward.

Windermere in Bloom - it was suggested that there should be a formal advisory group with terms of reference. The subject attracted a great deal of debate. For the remainder of the year the group will operate as previously but will provide minutes of meetings. The Clerk and Clerk Designate are to draft terms of reference for consideration.

Appointments to outside bodies - an informal policy was adopted. The Mayor/Deputy Mayor, if they so wished, could be considered in priority to other Councillors for appointments to outside bodies.

National Park Development Framework - date of next meeting Monday 5 July 2010 7pm, Council Chamber.

Council's Website - the proposals put forward by Councillor Winrow in the minutes of the Policy and Finance meeting of 2 June 2010 were agreed by all.

**66. TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**

A letter has been received from the Enterprise Manager of SLDC requesting expressions of interest in running Kendal, Windermere and Ulverston Tourist Information Centres. The Town Council has no interest to run it, but we will pay close attention to the outcome.

**67. ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

The Sign Man £45.00 - Signs for Orrest Head Wood

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Sue Longden £197.50 - Plants for War Memorial

CALC £25.00 - Course for S Clayton

Cumbria Clock Co Limited - £129.25 - Annual Service Baddeley Clock

D Millar £65.00 - Clean War Memorial Steps

Albany Sign Display Limited - £235.00 - Cumbria In Bloom Signs

Bandstand Grants £100 each to the following The Lakes Jazzmen;  
Windermere/Diessen Twinning Association; Holborn Hill Royal Brass Band  
Juniors; The Salvation Army; Kendal Concert Band

HMRC £535.97 - PAYE

B G Whittaker £487.50 - Salary

T Fletcher £333.26 - Salary

Thomson Wilson Pattinson £164.72 - Post and Copy

Gary Hancox £397.18 - Town Steward

**68. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Waste Management Officers from SLDC will attend the Council Meeting on 14 July 2010; Paul Holdsworth- flag in library gardens was in a state of disrepair, a new flag has been purchased; Lakes Line Rail Group Rail meeting 16 June; Windermere to Staveley cycle path - contacted highway authority to request this is kept clear of litter, some cleaning done, district council under statutory duty to keep surface clean; Application to remove tree at 32 St Marys Park, Windermere; Single Community Strategy Event - the Cumbria Story; Standards Committee Minutes and Agenda; Cumbria Youth Offending Service currently looking for community groups to complete community work.

**69. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS AND ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS**

None

**70. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.