

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 9
JUNE 2010**

Present: Mrs J Borer, Ms S Clayton, Mrs J Garlick, Mrs E Greasley, Mrs C Hallatsch, Mr J Hallatsch, Mrs J Jewell, Mr A Legge, Mr A Marsh, J Morphet, M Nicholson, W Smith, Mrs J Stocker, Mr J Walters, Mr A Winrow

Also present were: Mr S Ratcliffe, Director of Planning & Partnerships, LDNPA, Inspector Janet Spedding and PC John Stevens

Prior to the start of the meeting, the mayor declared a minutes silence in memory of those involved in the West Cumbria shootings.

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs H Stephenson, Mrs V Newton, Mr M Stafford, District Councillors K Atkinson and D Williams

34. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Sarah Clayton for planning.

36. PLANNING & PARTNERSHIPS, LDNPA

Steve Ratcliffe, Director of Planning & Partnerships reported on the Bowness Bay and Glebe proposals. In 2006 the LDNPA, other partnerships and the community came up with a vision for its redevelopment. This has progressed since then to ascertain what was required - a world class visitor experience. There is to be regeneration of certain parts of the Eastern Shores. Several sites have been identified. Consultants have looked at the whole project and recommendations include improvement to public access, public realm within that area, replace less attractive buildings, create a destination which matches the spectacular landscape. The three key elements identified are open spaces, anchor developments and transport.

After Mr Ratcliffe finished his presentation, councillors asked questions and made various comments. There was concern that the upper end of Bowness would be put at a disadvantage and that the planning gain was a poor trade off should a hotel be incorporated in the plan.

37. MINUTES

A slight amendment to the minutes of 24 May 2010 was made after which they were approved as a true and accurate record.

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38. MATTERS ARISING

Pedestrian crossings in Bowness - Keith Masser from Highways had written to say no schemes are currently in place. Future consideration would be given. It was suggested that County Councillor Bland be consulted to aid in the plight.

Cumbria in Bloom judging to take place on 13 July 2010 at 2pm.

Councillors Marsh and Stocker raised concerns on the condition of the cycle path on the A591 between Windermere and Black Moss. The Highways Steward has been contacted to clarify who has the contract for weed control. The path had been swept recently.

Robinson Place - the council is waiting the opportunity to work with the adjoining owner to improve the appearance and facility to the general public.

Norfolk Property Services (NPS) - confirmed that the front doors and railings to the council chamber are to be re-painted. Could the councillors give thought to a colour.

39. POLICE

Inspector Janet Spedding gave some performance figures of crimes investigated by the police. From May 2009 to May 2010 there was a 6.7% reduction in all crime and a 9.3% reduction in anti social behavior. Drugs offences look like they've increased but this is due to a more proactive stance taken by the police. It was emphasised that we still live in one of the safest parts of the world.

PC John Stevens reported that the 27 May 2010 litter pick had been very successful. Seven youngsters from local community had been employed to aid in this. Cycling proficiency has been completed for 40 youngsters. The police have recently facilitated in the Help for the Heroes motorbike event which was a great success. The Cumbrian Football Tournament is up and running again. They are involved in the forthcoming dog fouling campaign. The recent handbag theft in Bowness - posters have been produced for display locally with the offenders photo. The childrens disco is looking for an alternative venue. The Wheelhouse will not be used this time.

The councillors raised that an individual is residing in the shelter on the Glebe - the police are monitoring this.

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Safer Stronger Community boxes - due to poor attendance at meetings, a trial ballot box approach is being used to encourage the public to identify policing priorities. These will be placed at various locations.

The speed limit approaching Windermere from Kendal was debated. There was query over whether the 30mph and queue caution signs were positioned in the most appropriate position. It was suggested that highways need to be consulted on this with support from the police Traffic Management Officer.

40. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7/10/5167 Oak Ridge, Storrs - Extension - approve

7/10/5244 2 Annisgarth Avenue - Internal Alterations, amendments to windows, extension to conservatory - approve

7/10/5259 7 Old College Park, Phoenix Way - Single storey garden shed - approve

7/10/5271 75 Windermere Park - Install dormers at rear - approve

7/10/5212 Grey Gable, Storrs - demolish bungalow and garage, construct dwelling - approve

7/10/5278 Biskey Rise, Helm Road - upward extension to create another floor. Relocate entrance door - approve

41. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None

42. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cumbria in Bloom judging 13 July 2010.

Dog waste bins - to be identified as a future agenda item. Could we look at the Milnthorpe Parish Council policy that was previously considered.

Neighbourhood Forum, Lakes Parish - Steve Tatlock spoke regarding volunteers and vacancies for the fix the fells team. The Tourist Information Centre is to reopen on 26 June 2010. There is a Partners Meeting on 17 June 2010 between 7 - 9pm at Brockhole to answer

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questions on the 25 year plan. This will be attended by the National Park, Cumbria Tourism and the County Council.

University of Cumbria - has one on site course for outdoor education with approximately 100 students. It is hoped short-term courses will be re-established.

National Trust - it was confirmed that the plaque that was stolen from ?????? would be replaced. Any viewpoints that have disappeared due to overgrowing of trees/bushes and the like should be reported and these would be addressed.

Over the last three weekends, the bandstand on The Glebe had been used.

Help for Heroes - motorcycle event. 750 motorcycles took part a band entertained and it was reported it was an enjoyable and successful event.

Lake Admin Meeting - met Friday 4 June and discussed sustainable transport proposals. Minutes will be available in due course.

Issues and Options Consultation - the working group consulted and a response has been submitted.

Housing Provision - a response is required by 15 June 2010. A draft response has been put together.

Hot rods on The Glebe - 12 June 2010.

43. PLANNING DECISIONS

None

44. PLANNING APPEALS

None

45. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

None

46. LDNPA, MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR 2010-2015

A large document has been produced. It encompasses the framework for all policy and activity in the National Park. The council has until 2 July

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2010 to make comments. This will be discussed at the meeting on 17 June 2010 7 - 9pm at Brockhole. The working group that considered the recent planning document would address this. The document is available on the internet at www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/ldnppmanagementplan.

47. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

CALC newsletter - new government plans for local councils.

A letter was received from the Bureau Manager of the Rural CAB listing a summary of problems in the South Lakes during 2009. A total of 3471 people had been advised. Subjects covered were debt, benefits, employment, housing and relationships.

Neighbourhood Forum - next meeting 28 July 2010 at the Marchesi Centre 7pm.

Listed building condition survey - a survey will take place in the area over the coming months.

LDNPA - Core Strategy update - 5 to 14 May 2010. Subjects covered will include changes to the waterfront programme, housing, employment and a new policy on the re-use of buildings for holiday use accommodation. This was referred to the working party.

SLDC Annual Report on Ethical Standards - a report is available.

Procession on Mon 16 August 2010 - Hindu Festival

48. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS AND ADVANCE NOTICE OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Litter problems.

Dog waste bins.

Plastic waste - SLDC was contacted. There are some changes to staffing at present. Once this has been resolved a representative will be asked to present to the Council.

49. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.02pm