

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2009

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Mr W Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, J L Garlick, E Greasley, C Hallatsch, C Houlihan, and J Stocker. Messrs D J Fawcett, L J Halatsch, H E Hatley, A B Legge, A Marsh, M Stafford, and J Walters.

Also in attendance was Police Community Support Officer Sarah Blacow, Special Constable G Hallatsch.

260. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames J Jewell, and H Stephenson and Messrs J H Morphet and A Winrow together with District Councillors Miss K Atkinson and D Williams

261. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mrs J Stocker declared a non-pecuniary interest in the application for Grant assistance from the Windermere Youth Project.

262. WINDERMERE YOUTH PROJECT – GRANT APPLICATION

Sheryl Bott addressed the Council in respect of the Windermere Youth Project Grant Application. She advised that the Grant was to assist with operating costs. They would have a shortfall on their budget of £17,000 for 2009 and needed to raise £10,000. She then answered questions.

263. WINDERMERE WATER FRONT PROJECT

Steve Radcliffe of the Lake District National Park Authority updated the Council on general progress of the scheme around the whole of the lake. He advised that it was likely that the whole process could take in the region 10 years to complete. So far as the developments around Bowness Bay were concerned, including the Glebe, consultants were likely to be appointed shortly to conduct a master planning exercise relating to this land. This exercise would run through until August 2009. Consultation with the local community was part of the process and obviously the Town Council will be involved. There was an open mind as to what could come out of the master planning process. This could range from no change at all to a major re-development proposal.

He also updated the Council as to the use of the lake as a means of sustainable transport and the possibility of a cycleway between Ambleside and Bowness.

It may be possible for National Park Authority to make a presentation on the Windermere Waterfront Scheme at the Council's Annual Town Assembly in March. Mr Radcliffe then answered questions and was thanked for his attendance.

264. MINUTES

The Council approved the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 26th January 2009.

265. MATTERS ARISING

Letters in reply, acknowledging the Council's comments were received from South Lakeland District Council relating to the proposed re-introduction of evening car parking charges and a vehicular barrier on Rayrigg Road near the junction of Footpath 581041 at Millerground.

Councillor Mr A Legge had obtained information from an Officer of a Local Council elsewhere in the North West of England which had had recent experience of sewage tanks installed by United Utilities. In that instance, there had been lots of disruption and that unless the Local Council was very firm with United Utilities, considerable disruption could take place and that conditions should be imposed and enforced to ensure that the public interest is maintained. It was agreed to pass this information of South Lakeland District Council

The Clerk reported on works done recently by the Highways Steward on Thwaites Lane, Back Belsfield Road and Lickbarrow Road and Craig Walk and Ash Street.

266. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5 planning applications were considered by the Council and it was resolved to send the following comments to the Lake District National Park Authority:-

- 7/08/5681 - 11A Craig Walk – Extension – Approve
- 7/08/5007 - 7 Old College Park, Phoenix Way – Single Storey timber framed conservatory – Approve.
- 7/08/5018 - Old Laundry, High Borrans – Change of Use of Agricultural land to garden – Approve
- 7/08/5030 - Junction, Woodland Road and Oak Street – Two telephone poles – Approve
- 7/08/5037 - 76 Oakthwaite Road – Extend existing car port and construct new cycle enclosure – Approve.

266. POLICE

Sarah Blacow reported that Anti-Social Behaviour was down. They were starting a Street-Safe Policy next week and there was a proposal for an Offi-watch to run in conjunction with the Bar-Watch. She explained the Youth Restorative Justice Scheme which involved the victim and the perpetrator meeting under Police Supervision. She also outlined a request for Grant Assistance for Project entitled "Positive Activities For Young People". She then answered questions

267. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Mrs J Stocker had attended a Holocaust event recently.

She advised that investigations were underway relating to a blocked culvert on Back Oakthwaite Road.

268. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

Mrs J Stocker reported on a Community Planning Meeting.

Mrs E Greasley advised that the Town Council's Litterpick was now being linked to the National Park Authority "Winderclean". This was generally thought to have benefits. The land based clean would take place on the 25th April and the water based one on the 2nd May.

Mrs Borer reported on her recent visit to Troutbeck Bridge Swimming Pool when she had had a general discussion with the new Management. Whilst there were long term plans for the whole of the site, they were keen to encourage further use of the existing facility by the public.

The Mayor had met with Senior Teachers at the Lakes School with a view to encouraging closer liaison between the Town Council and pupils.

269. GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Council agreed to deal with these two applications as Urgent Business even though they were not on the Agenda.

- a) Young Cumbria – Further to the request via Sarah Blacow, the Clerk reported that the Policy & Finance Advisory Group meeting the previous evening had considered this request for Positive Activities For Young People which would be giving a group of twelve local youths the opportunity to experience Army Life at an Army Camp in Preston. The Town Council had been requested to make a Grant of £400.00 as a contribution towards the total cost of £860.00. It was agreed to make a Grant of £400.00.
- b) Windermere Youth Project – The Council had first been approached by the Windermere Youth Project in September 2008, but consideration had been deferred until Sheryl Bott was able to address the Council.

It was agreed to make a Grant of £2,000 without commitment to any future Grants. It was suggested that the Youth Project approached the Neighbourhood Forum for further assistance.

270. WINDERMERE AIR SHOW AND THE GLEBE

South Lakeland District Council had been approached by the Airshow requesting consent to permit a Doughnut Baking Van during the two Airshow days on the Glebe. The Rotary Club considered that this would provide a significant boost to Airshow funding without any real loss to generality of traders in the town or to the immediate Glebe Road traders.

While the Town Council were sympathetic to the needs of the Rotary Club, the Town Council had over a long period of time resisted any selling of food stuffs on the Glebe. With regret therefore it resolved to refuse the request on the basis that this would set a precedent not only at the Airshow but at other events that used the Glebe.

271. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- A) The Footpath Diversion Order at Bellman Ground had been confirmed by the Lake District National Park.
- b) Minutes and the Agenda for Lakes Parish Council Meeting were received.
- c) The CALC Circular was received.
- d) South Lakeland District Council's new Single Equality Scheme and Places of Worship and Faith and Belief Groups in South Lakeland were received.
- e) Brockhole Re-development Programme. The Council had been invited to an update meeting on the 18th March. Mesdames J S Borer and E Greasley and Messrs A Legge and J Walters were to attend.

272. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Council resolved to exclude members of the press and public in view of the financial nature of the matters to be discussed.

273. WOODLAND SURVEY – ELLERAY WOOD

The Council had previously agreed to conduct a woodland survey of principle trees and groups of trees in the woodland so as to assist it in determining future management plans. Requests for estimates had been circulated to 6 woodland advisors. Replies had been received from 3.

In all cases, the survey would take place by plotting the location of trees using GPS and then producing digital site plans which would be annotated.

It was resolved that Mr Luke Steer of Treescapes Consultancy Limited should be requested to carry out the work. Not only had he submitted the lowest estimate, but he had also carried out a similar exercise in connection with the additional portion of woodland that had recently been gifted to the Council.