

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON WEDNESDAY 14TH APRIL 2010

W F Smith (Mayor) Mesdames J S Borer, S Clayton, J L Garlick, E Greasley, C Hallatsch, J Jewell and J Stocker. Messrs L J Hallatsch, A B Legge, J H Morphet, M P Nicholson, M Stafford, J Walters, and A Winrow.

Also present was District Councillor Mr D Williams, Police Inspector O'Hare, Sergeant Stephens and PCSO S Livett.

313. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames V Newton and H Stephenson and District Councillor Miss K Atkinson.

314. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr M P Nicholson declared a personal interest relating to the planning application in respect of the Cranleigh Hotel, Kendal Road.

315. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 27th March 2010 were approved as a correct record.

316. BOWNESS SOUTH WARD

The Clerk advised that Mrs C Houlihan had tendered her resignation with immediate effect. The Council therefore declare a vacancy in Bowness South Ward and the Clerk was instructed to prepare the usual notices.

The Council also agreed that since the Council's Noticeboards would be used for General Election Notices over the next few weeks, in the event that the Council was in a position to co-opt for the two vacancies in Bowness South Ward, no action would be taken in connection with Notices relating to co-option until after the General Election had taken place on the 6th May.

317. MATTERS ARISING

The Council had previously decided to hold the Annual General Meeting on a separate day from ordinary Council Meeting. It was agreed that Wednesday 5th May would be the date of the Annual General Meeting with the Council Meeting following on Wednesday 12th May.

In response to a question raised at a previous meeting, the Clerk reported that the Budget figures for 2009/2010 relating to the Town Steward provided £12,000 per annum. The Town Steward was appointed in July 2009 and from that date until the end of March 2010, he had cost the Council £3,377.00.

The present situation relating to the Char Boat Planter in Ellerthwaite Square was that on the 26th October 2009, the Council had heard that the County Council required the Town Council to apply to the Highways Department to obtain a permit for siting the Char Boat. At the meeting held on the 11th November, the Council had resolved to accept the offer of a boat as a planter from the Civic Society and the Mayor and Councillor Winrow would prepare plans for a scheme on the island incorporating the boat for submission to the Highways Authority to obtain the formal permit to locate it on the site.

Further discussion took place as regards the date for the Windermere in Bloom Awards Presentation Evening. After a vote, it was resolved that this would be on the 14th September 2010.

318. POLICE

Inspector O'Hare introduced himself to the Council. Sergeant Stephens reported that there had been no significant issues over Easter. A Marine Watch Scheme had started to address boat-related thefts. There had recently been a drugs dog operation in licensed premises. There had been some shop lifting incidents. He gave the up to date crime figures and answered questions from Councillors.

319. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Four Planning Applications were considered by the Council and it was resolved to make the following comments to the Lake District National Park Authority.

- 7/10/5040 Brookfield, Longtail Hill – New dormer windows & replacement porch – Approve
- 7/10/5090 The Lodge, Burnside Park – Office entrance and reception area – Approve
- 7/10/5142 Innisfree, Old Hall Road – Replacement jetty like for like – Approve
- 7/10/5143 Cranleigh Hotel, Kendal Road – Vary condition to allow use of hot tub between 07.00 and midnight each day – No extension of condition – Refuse unneighbourly and intrusive.

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

Mr D Williams advised that the projected mutual co-operation scheme between Eden and South Lakeland District Councils had now taken a backwards step.

Mr A Legge reported on an Orrest Head and Elleray Wood Site Visit and pointed out various items noticed. He particularly pointed out that the Town Steward was doing an excellent job in the woodland.

Mr M Stafford updated the Council relating to the Landrover at the Fire Station.

The Mayor reported on his attendance at the German Young Twinners Meeting, the British Legion Dinner and the Town Assembly. It was generally thought that the new format of the Town Assembly Meeting was beneficial.

Mrs J Stocker reported briefly on a Community Plan Meeting.

321. PLANNING DECISIONS

The Clerk read out decisions on Planning Applications made by the Lake District National Park Authority.

322. CUMBRIA IN BLOOM SIGNS

The Council considered the proposed Cumbria in Bloom signs that would be attached to the existing twinning signs. The Council approved the signs and it was agreed to acquire four at a price of £50.00 plus VAT each. If discounts could be obtained for a bulk ordered, then five signs could be purchased.

323. GLEBE BANDSTAND

The Council had previously agreed to sponsor a particular performance in respect of the Band from Ulverston. The Council now considered general sponsorship of performances on the bandstand.

It was resolved that the Council would offer a Grant of £100.00 to each band performance, of any type of music, that was authorised by South Lakeland District Council as owners of the bandstand and who performed on a weekend during a ten week period in the summer months exclusive of any performances that were part of either the Lions Festival or the Air Show Weekend.

It was agreed that the Town Centre Manager, as part of the process of obtaining authorisation for band performances from SLDC, would issue the bands with a Grant Application form to be returned to the Town Council following a performance and certifying that the performance had taken place and it had been authorised by South Lakeland District Council.

324. NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

In preparation for the Annual General Meeting, the Town Council discussed the list of representatives appointed to groups within the Town Council and outside organisations. It was agreed to delete Cumbria Tourist Board Commercial Members Group, Phoenix Community Centre User Group and the Windermere Lake Consultative Committee. It was also to defer consideration of appointing only 50% of the Policy and Finance Advisory Group and the Orrest Head Advisory Group until after 2011 given that the whole Council would be subject to re-election at that time.

325. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Council received the following:-

Minutes and Agenda of the Lakes Parish Council, Notification of various temporary road closures relating to re-surfacing, details of the blessing of the boats on the 9th April, copy correspondence from residents on Broad Street complaining about the efficiency of street lighting. It was noted that these street lights were the responsibility of South Lakeland District Council, Lakes Line Bulletin, the Local Council's Charter for the Lake District National Park.

No objections were raised in connection with the proposal to prune two Yews at St Martins Church. It was also confirmed that permission could be given to Mr Geoff Scovell to trap Grey Squirrels in Elleray Wood as part of a general scheme to trap them in the National Trust Woodlands at St Catherines and Common Wood.