



WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WINDERMERE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROAD STREET, WINDERMERE ON MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2010

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

2 members of the public

Also present: Brian Whittaker (Clerk), Tracy Fletcher (Clerk Designate), Mr William Wyllie of the Fire and Rescue Service

242. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr S Parkinson

Other apologies from District Councillor Mr D Williams

243. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

244. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr W F Smith and Mrs J Stocker in relation to the public conveniences item in matters arising. Mrs J Stocker in relation to the Fair Trade Town Signs in Correspondence (deferred to another meeting).

245. FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Mr William Wyllie addressed the council to update them on the savings the Fire and Rescue Service are required to make. Some £2.1m must be saved. There are two consultation documents currently published which have specific relation to the proposed cuts. Mr Wyllie encouraged the Council as a whole and individual Councillors to respond to these independently.

Various Councillors' expressed strong concerns on the proposals.

246. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 8 December 2010 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record with the amendment of one grammatical error.

247. MATTERS ARISING

Public conveniences -a series of emails between SLDC and the Clerk were read out. It appears that the original parameters have changed and that SLDC are now stating that the 3 public conveniences with the highest footfall may have the lease broken at any time of its tenure. This was not what the Heads of Terms stated and it was decided that the Public Convenience Advisory Group will meet on Wednesday 5 January 2010 at 5pm in the Council Chamber to



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discuss progress and make further recommendations to bring back to the Council Meeting of 12 January 2011. It was proposed that the local MP, Tim Farron be invited to aid in the process.

Conservation Area - a letter had been received in response to the Council's concern on the deadlines to comment on the extension of the conservation area and it was resolved that the council will re-consider this in the New Year.

248. POLICE

PCSO Sarah Blacow represented the police. There was not much to report since the previous meeting. Ballot boxes have been emptied again and the responses have seen an increase in concerns of speeding from the end of The Glebe to Storrs Hall. PCSO Blacow will pursue the possibility of a speed camera presence. Ballot boxes will be re-assessed again next month.

PCSO Blacow was very pleased to receive the letter of thanks in regards to PCSO of the year.

It was reported by a Councillor that a gentlemen recently out of jail had been calling at houses begging for money.

249. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

7/10/5565 - Borranfoot, Old Mill Crescent, Storrs - extension and alterations - approve.

7/10/5603 - Millerground Cottage, Rayrigg Road - divide into two units, new septic tank and remove timber garage - approve.

7/10/5608 - The Old England Hotel - extend lower ground floor restaurant and extend ground floor dining facility - no comment.

7/10/5610 - The Loft, Oldfield Road - change use to architect's studio and new rooflight - approve.

7/10/5611 - Moss Rigg, Oakland Drive - new dwelling - approve but would like to ensure new builds have a concealed area for wheelie bin storage.

250. COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND MEMBERS OF LDNPA

None

251. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS



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Windermere in Bloom - hanging baskets for next year have been quoted at the same number and price as last year. The Council agreed to fund these on this basis. Extra hanging baskets will be funded by The Chamber of Trade.

Cumbria CVS - need 1000 pledges to set up a Credit Union in this area.

TAT - next meeting on sustainability issues will be held on 13 January 2011 at The Ladyholme Centre at 6.45pm.

Community CDRP - next meeting is 27 January 2011 at 2pm at the Fire Station.

A Lake Sub Committee Meeting was held recently which involved the explanation of increases to charges.

Cypher Digital is to progress the council website. There will be a dedicated page for each sub committee or advisory group. Ideas and thoughts for the population of these pages were requested.

A meeting with regards to governance arrangements for the national park was attended by The Mayor. The LDNPA is suffering from cuts in budget and proposals are that the members be reduced. There was strong opinion that cuts should be from CCC representatives as there are several currently where other areas have only one.

252. PLANNING DECISIONS

None.

253. PLANNING APPEALS

None.

254. LICENSING APPLICATIONS

None.

255. ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Cumbria Rural CAB (Grant) £2500.00
Ambleside Tree Services Limited (Elleray Wood) £222.08
B G Whittaker (Salary) £487.58
T Fletcher (Salary) £483.61
HMRC (PAYE) £613.23
Gary Hancox (Town Steward) £319.95
Radiata (Tree surgeons) £250.00



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Total authorised £4876.45

256. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Gary Hancox - email reporting a dead deer in Elleray Woods which looked suspicious. This will be reported to the police.

Application for works on tree's with preservation orders - Ferry Nab Cottage, 2 oaks to fell.

Fair Trade signs for Windermere and Bowness - a request to install these signs on the town signs - deferred until the next agenda.

South Lakeland Age UK - Village Agents Scheme has received more funding - Lakes, Ambleside and Grasmere.

Localism Bill - This has been published and examples of what this entails were read out. This will be a future Agenda item.

Tim Farron - letter received with regards to high speed broadband pilot - broadband pioneers required.

Eric Pickles - Diamond Jubilee in 2011, encouraging planning of celebrations and that some red tape will be relaxed in order to allow these.

The Mayor of Kendal is holding a charity dinner which costs £30 a ticket. This will take place on 9 February 2011 and will support The Riversider's Trust.

The Chair of SLDC is holding a 'Glitz Dinner' at a cost of £30 a ticket in March 2011 supporting Paddlers for Life.

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

The footpath adjacent to North's Cottage has a fence in a state of disrepair. It was requested this be tabled as a future Agenda item.

258. DATES OF FORTHCOMING MINUTES

Wednesday 12 January 2011

Monday 24 January 2011

Wednesday 9 February 2011

Monday 28 February 2011

259. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.