

LAKE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of the Lake Administration Committee held in the Marchesi Centre, Holly Road, Windermere LA23 2AF, on Friday, 29 June 2018, at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Councillors

Robin Ashcroft
Matt Brereton
Andrew Butcher
Gill Gardner

Eamonn Hennessy
John Holmes
Kevin Holmes
Andrew Jarvis

Dyan Jones
Vivienne Rees
David Williams

Representing Lakes Parish Council

Brian Hewitt

Leslie Johnson

Philip Thompson

Representing Windermere Town Council

Kathleen Atkinson
Jennifer Borer

Leith Hallatsch
Peter Hamilton

Adrian Legge

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors Vicky Hughes, Eric Morrell and Doug Rathbone.

Officers

Una Bell

Assistant Committee Services Officer

Julia Krier

Solicitor (Property and Contracts)

Anthea Lowe

Solicitor to the Council

Jim Maguire

Community and Leisure Manager

Simon Rowley

Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services

David Sykes

Director People and Places

LA/1 CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor David Williams be elected as Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

LA/2 VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor Matt Brereton be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

LA/3 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Chairman be authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 April 2018.

LA/4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – That it be noted that no declarations were raised.

LA/5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference and the Agreement for the Constitution of the Lake Administration Committee be noted.

LA/6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUDED ITEMS

RESOLVED – That the item in Part II of the agenda be dealt with following the exclusion of the press and public

LA/7 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED – That it be noted that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions have been received in respect of this meeting.

LA/8 WINDERMERE LAKE USERS FORUM

A report had been submitted by Carole Shaw, the Chairman of the Windermere Lake User Forum (WLUF). The report outlined the forum's concerns that the new Lake Action Plan for Windermere no longer recognised WLUF as a partner, advised that there was a possibility of an association of lake users coming into being and expressed concern for the future co-ordination of management of the lake. The Director People and Places informed Members that the Lake Action Plan recognised the importance of involvement and engagement of stakeholders and was moving towards a broader engagement. He concluded by stating that the Plan was focused and demonstrated a link to the wider strategy and programme in the area.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

LA/9 PROGRESS REPORT

The Director People and Places presented a report updating Members on progress made on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Committee, with particular focus on the developments regarding the Windermere Lake Action Plan. He informed Members that in late July 2018 there would be a meeting of the Steering Group which would consider the delivery of the Windermere Lake Action Plan.

Members agreed that the site visit to Ferry Nab, which had taken place prior to the Committee meeting, had been very useful and thanked Officers for arranging the visit.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

LA/10 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES 2018/19

The Solicitor to the Council introduced a report which requested nominations for Members to act as representatives to the Windermere Lake Action Plan Steering Group. Members were informed that the membership of the Steering Group would comprise Members of the Lake Administration Committee and would include two South Lakeland District Council Members and one Member each from Lakes Parish Council and Windermere Town Council.

RESOLVED – That the following representatives be appointed to serve on the Windermere Lake Action Plan Steering Group for the forthcoming year:-

- Councillor Gill Gardner (South Lakeland District Council);
- Councillor Andrew Butcher (South Lakeland District Council);
- Councillor Leslie Johnson (Lakes Parish Council); and
- Councillor Jennifer Borer (Windermere Town Council).

LA/11 PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the Act as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 by virtue of the paragraphs indicated.

LA/12 UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL LEASES AND ANNUAL ENCROACHMENTS

- *Paragraph 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)*
- *Paragraph 5 - Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.*

The Solicitor to the Council presented a report which provided Members with an update regarding commercial leases and annual encroachments around the Lake and the current position in relation to debt recovery actions. She explained that work continued on resolution of debts and informed Members that a report on the proposal for longer term encroachment agreements would be presented at the next Committee meeting. In addition the Solicitor to the Council further proposed that the reporting period for Update on Commercial Leases and Annual Encroachments be reduced to six monthly.

Members expressed their thanks to the Legal Team and the former Task and Finish Group for their work in achieving the continued reduction in outstanding debts.

RESOLVED – That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the reporting period of the Update on Commercial Leases and Annual Encroachments be reduced to six monthly.

LA/13 RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 2.28 p.m.