

Promoting the trading and commercial interests of Bowness, Windermere and the immediate area.

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 6th January 2015 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

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| T Blaney (Fairfield Garden) | Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guides) |
| P Brendling (Mountain Goat) | Bill Johnson (Hon Member) |
| Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc) | Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises Ltd) |
| Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services) | Jonty Mayo (Musgraves) |

Guests:

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| Ben Berry (SLDC) | Nick Raymond (Cumbria County Council) |
| Brendan Chapman (Classic Cruises) | Cllr. John Saunders (WTC) |
| Claire Maclaine (Cumbria County Council) | |

Apologies:

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| PCSO Sarah Blacow | Simon Everett |
| Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House) | Tim Farron (MP) |
| Eve Blatchley (Hon. Member) | Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes) |
| Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy) | La Galerie D'art (Jill Crisp & Mr. Tonnet) |
| David Carter David Carter Chemists) | Paul Liddell (Lakelovers) |
| Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates) | Ruth Parsons (Welcome Guide) |
| Clayton Butchers | Penny Seeds (Manuka) |
| Cinderella-Me | Ian Seddon (HSBC) |
| Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket) | Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank) |

Ben Berry took the chair, welcomed those assembled and presented the management and staff of The Bath House, Bowness with their award in the Chamber's "Best Dressed Christmas Window" competition.

Ben then went onto introduce Nick Raymond and Claire Maclaine from the Cumbria County Council who gave a presentation on the proposed "Optimising Connectivity" project for the A591 and Glebe. Nick pointed out that the consultation process was in the early stages and not 'in concrete.' Barry Butler made a strong point for Cumbria County Council, in their meetings with the consultant, to take on board the Lake District National Park's 'Allocation of Land (Local Plan Part Two) document which was adopted in November 2013 when dealing with the Glebe. Nick said he would make sure this happened.

After a Q&A session, Ben thanked both Claire and Nick for their attendance.

A copy of the presentation can be seen at:

http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/consultation.htm#Optimising_Connectivity

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th November 2014 were accepted as being a true record. Barry Butler, seconded by Bill Johnson, proposed these as a true record. The secretary thanked Ruth Parsons for taking the minutes in his absence.

Police:

Not present.

Correspondence:

The secretary reported that other than already forwarded on to members he had no further correspondence.

Windermere Town Council Representative:

Cllr John Saunders reported that the Police commissioner would be attending the Council Meeting on the 28th January 2015. Also asked those present for their thoughts on 20mph signs outside the local schools.

Reports:

All the reports are now sent in advance of the meeting and can be found at:

<http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/reports.htm>

New Members Drive for 2015:

Ideas from the floor:

- Promoting the Chamber better
- Added value to new members – voucher system
- Discounts/incentives to new and existing members
- Engaging with the local schools
- Change how the Chamber operates

These are to be discussed at the next meeting.

A.O.B.

The secretary, in his capacity as 'webmaster' was asked to set up a new page on the web site entitled "Where can I ...?" The idea behind this is for visitors to find where they can have their hair done, where they can buy clothes etc.

Ben made reference to the disappointment felt by those involved at the postponement of the New Year's Day Pram Race.

Ben also wanted to know the views on an elected mayor for Cumbria.

The meeting closed at 8:33pm.