

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

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 11th November 2014 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc); Ruth Parsons (Welcome Guides); Bill Johnson (Hon Member).

Guests: Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)

Apologies:

Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House); Eve Blatchley (Hon. Member); Cllr. Ben Berry (SLDC); David Carter (David Carter Chemists); Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates); Clayton Butchers; Cinderella-Me; Simon Everett; Tim Farron (MP); Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd); Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon); David Howarth (Renoirs); Bill Johnson (Hon. Member); Jonty Mayo (Musgraves); Penny Seeds (Manuka); Lisa Holden (Hapimag); Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes); La Galerie D'art (Jill Crisp & Mr. Tonnet); Paul Liddell (Lakelovers); Adrian North (Edge of the World); Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide); Ian Seddon (HSBC); Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket); Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank).

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.

Barry Butler opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

Hanging Baskets:

Mr Butler then went onto talk about the Chambers donation to Windermere Town Council for a sum of £50 as a donation for flower hanging baskets. The other members of the Chamber present agreed. Mr Saunders thanked the committee for the donation.

Winter Lights:

The Chairman spoke about the Chambers donation to the 'Winter Lights' committee which was agreed by all that the sum would be decided by himself and Adrian at their discretion.

Windermere Futures Committee:

It was mentioned that Mr Bill Smith would be coming to the next Chamber meeting on 25th November to enlighten the members of the committee with a presentation on the 'Windermere Futures Group'.

Marchesi Centre Café:

Bill Johnson mentioned about the Marchesi Center running an open 'Café' coffee morning for caretakers of Dementia patients. Running every other Tuesday. It is in aid of raising more money for dementia research charities.

ITV's Peoples Millions:

Mr John Saunders then spoke about the Community project to rebuild the playground at Millerground. Urging us all to vote and spread the word to look out for the number on Border (ITV)

on the 25th November. Each phone call cost 15p and will help the area immensely by providing more outdoor activities for the local children.

Road Repairs:

Mr Butler mentioned the Crescent road repairs and informed the committee that the repairs were still on going until the end of November. It was noted by all that the current repair was finished to an unacceptable standard.

Parking:

The Chairman spoke of the free parking in Windermere center car parks to be free on 7th, 14th, and 21st of December. This helping boost visitor numbers to the area.

Christmas Windows:

Best dressed Christmas Window was talked about and how to encourage more members to partake in the competition. A mystery person had offered to judge the windows this year.

Report/comments from the Windermere Town Council Representative:

Cllr. John Saunders reported:

- The 597 bus has had its funding stopped/ looking into a way of finding a cheaper alternative.
- The lake District National Park- Future vision: Questions and answers session with Richard Leafe, Chief Exec LDNPA
- On street Parking, Cumbria County Council consultation.

Reports:

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

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

A.O.B.

A discussion of matters of concern to the area ensued. The meeting closed at 8:30pm.