

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 5th May 2009 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Barry Butler – Chair (Butler Thompson)	RM & DL Rogers (Old Pump House)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Bill Smith (South Lakes Development Trust)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Bus Services)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lakes Cruises)
Rob Fowler (Rob Fowler Associates)	

Guest Speakers:

Alan Katz (Rotary)	David Thomas (Rotary)
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In Attendance:

PCW Rebecca Hunter (Windermere Police)	CSO Scott Livett (Windermere Police)
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Apologies:

Eve Blatchley (Hon)		Paul Liddell	Lakelovers
Naomi Darbishire	W McClures Ltd	Steve Marston	The Cook House
Tim Farron, MP		Penny Seeds	Manuka
Richard Freeman	Freemans		
D & G Howarth	Renoirs		

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled members and introduced Alan Katz and David Thomas from the Rotary Club of Windermere.

Windermere Family Air Show Presentation

Alan and David handed out a 'hard copy' of their presentation which can be found on the 'Minutes' page in 'pdf' format. Alan then went on with the presentation by outlining the attractions.

The following points were made:

- acknowledgement that Windermere does not necessarily benefit from the Air Show as the show is held on the Glebe.
- through the PA system there would be references as to what both villages had to offer
- Rotary had to pay for the Display Director and the civil flights.
- Sponsorship from local businesses had ranged from £10 to £1k.
- Looking for sustainability for the foreseeable future.

Questions were then taken:

Q. Barry queried the timing of the Air Show and asked if the dates could be changed.

A. Looking at economic survey being undertaken to see what impact this would make. Have to announce a date well in advance because of the lead time. A draft report would hopefully be out within one month.

Q. A number of questions were raised regarding the impact of the Air Show on local businesses.

Barry raised the point of while the Fun Fair is operational, local businesses are losing money and requested that it did not remain open so late.

Q. Are there to be adequate toilet facilities?

A. Taylors are to 'enhance' these facilities.

Alan Katz notified the meeting that an enquiry from an outside caterer had been received to provide facilities. This had been objected to by the Windermere Town Council and the Chamber of Trade. Both of whom had made presentations to SLDC. The Secretary read out two letters, one from the Town Council and the other from SLDC. He also read out the minute from the Town Council. The Secretary also informed the meeting that he had been in touch, by phone, with the writer of the district councils' letter. A long and protracted discussion ensued regarding the none-commercialisation of the Glebe.

Barry thanked both Alan and David for their attendance.

In order to facilitate an early departure the report from the police was brought forward by agreement of the meeting.

Police Report:

CSO Scott Livett updated the meeting on the new radio system being introduced as a means of alerting businesses to potential disturbances, thefts etc. PCW Rebecca Hunter made the point that "sharing information was the key to its success."

The question of vagrancy was brought to their attention.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2009 were accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters under this heading.

Correspondence:

Apart from the correspondence alluded to above there was no other.

Reports:

1. **Business Improvement District (BID) – Steve Marston**
In the absence of Steve Marston, Nigel Wilkinson updated the meeting on the progress being made.
2. **Membership Secretaries**
Nothing to report.
3. **Eco-Friendly**
The Secretary brought to the attention of the meeting a letter the Chair had received from Cumbria Green Business Forum (CGBF) and suggested that the Chamber may wish to join. The cost would be £30. This was agreed to.
4. **South Lakeland Development Trust**
Bill Smith updated the meeting on the trust's work.

AOB:

- Barry made members aware that test bore drilling on the Glebe would commence on the 11th May.
- The Secretary pointed out that there was now a page on the website regarding information on allotments.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2009

- 1st Sept
- 6th Oct
- 3rd Nov
- 15th Dec – AGF & Christmas 'Get-together.'

2010

- 5th Jan
- 2nd Feb
- 2nd Mar
- 6th Apl
- 4th May

Adrian G Faulkner - Secretary, Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade.
DMS. FCMI., CLP.