

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 6th November 2007 at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Eve Blatchley	Hon Member	Simon Everett	Simon Everett Opticians
Liz & Tony Blaney	Fairfield	Adrian Faulkner	AGF Business Services Ltd
Barry Butler	Butler Thomson	Jo Harris	Windermere Wines
Naomi Darbishire	McClures Ltd	Mike Nicholson	Seafarers Fish & Chips

Apologies:

Liz Chamberlain	Things	Chris & Bill Johnson	
Tim Farron	MP	Carol Scott	Things
Gill	Galerie D'art	Penny Seeds	Manucha
		Tim Swaine	NatWest Bank plc

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler welcomed all those present.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting's held on the 2nd October 2007 where accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that other than what had been put on the website there was no further correspondence.

Reports:

South Lakes Development Trust:

Bill Johnson (the Chambers representative) reported there was nothing to report.

Membership Secretaries:

The Membership Secretaries reported that there was nothing to report.

Winter Lights:

Jo Harris reported that the lighting of Crag Brown, Bowness was being looked into. It was also reported that at the time of the meeting 19 Christmas Tree 'packages' had been ordered and were in the process of being delivered.

Crescent Road Traffic Problems:

It was reported that the new plans were on South Lakes Development Trust's website.

Town Twinning 10th Anniversary Celebrations:

Eve Blatchley re-iterated that 2008 would be the 10th Anniversary of the twinning with Diessen-am-Ammersee in Germany. Eve suggested that the Chamber may wish to 'host' a reception/buffet for the visiting guests during these celebrations. It was suggested that this should be brought forward to the January 2008 meeting.

Any Other Business:

Insurance Policy:

The Secretary brought to the notice of the meeting that the Chamber's Public Liability Insurance was up for renewal in the near future. The cost of the renewal would be £2857.50. He pointed out that, after discussion with

the insurers and the management of the Burnside Hotel, it was deemed not necessary to have such insurance. The meeting agreed to let the policy lapse. Should it be necessary to be covered in the future the Secretary was asked to negotiate a *one off* policy payment.

Tony Blaney (Vice Chair of the Lakes Hospitality Association) gave a report on the LHA's Interior Show which was well supported and held at the Hydro Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere. He pointed out that the show was aimed at Guest Houses and small hotels to get across the message of raising standards within the accommodation industry. He also pointed out that there was a waiting list for stands for the 2008 exhibition and that around 1,000 people attended, with a spend of £50k on the commercial stands.

Mike Nicholson reported that he would be attending the Lakes Line Action Group meeting and was asked to voice the Chambers opinion on the revised train timetables.

Dates of Future Meetings:

2008

8th January – Dave McGowan, LDNPA (TBC)

5th February

4th March

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