

Minutes of a general Members Meeting held on the 7th March 2017 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

Present:

Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Barry Butler (Michael Holden)	Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Andrew Simon (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Paul Frain (Helen's Chocolates)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guides Ltd)	Cllr. Alan Winrow (WTC)

Guest:

Carl Penson (The Porterage)

Apologies:

All Season Guest House	Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)
Adrian North (Edge of the World)	Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Clayton Butchers	Paula Pearson (Bowness News)
Simon Everett (Past Chair)	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Farron (MP)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
David Ferguson (Old Pump House)	World of Beatrix Potter, The

Barry Butler took the chair and welcomed the assembled members and guests.

Police

None attendance.

Minutes

The notes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 7th February 2017 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed: Barry Butler

Seconded: Bill Johnson

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported on the following items of correspondence he had received:

- A leaflet from United Utilities regarding the possibility of compensation for loss of income due to the A592 road closure. This had been email to the membership.
- A notification of the availability of "Co-Wheels CarClub" at the Windermere Station. The leaflet is on the website.
- An update from Jim Maguire regarding the potential leisure facilities being planned by SLDC and GLL (formally North Country Leisure). There has been a new point of contact for this project – Fiona Inston at Fiona.Inston@southlakeland.gov.uk
- An email received from United Utilities stating that all the electronic signs now have the correct wording. The Secretary was asked to email UU over concerns regarding the 'line of sight' at the bottom of Long Tail Hill where it meets the A592.

- An email from the Clerk to the Council regarding the withdrawal of a planning application.
- An email from Cllr. Ben Berry regarding the Windermere Christmas Market which is going to be held in December. Currently the dates are provisional.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Representative:

Nothing to report from the representative, however Cllr. John Saunders reported on the work being undertaken at Ellerthwaite Square.

Report from Chamber Representatives

- Membership – the Secretary reported that he had received an email from a large hotel enquiring about membership. He reported that he had emailed back details and application form.
- Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group – no report.
- Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association – AGM on the 24th March in the Marchesi Centre. Time to be notified near the date.
- Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme – it was reported that this programme is concerned with 'Flood Resilience.'
- Windermere in Bloom/ Cumbria in Bloom – no report.
- Windermere Waterfront Project – work was progressing on the Glebe. It was noted that the chevron parking was at a 'funny' angle which appeared not to comply with the original plans. A watching brief would be kept.
- Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership – selected items were read out of the 'Report on Passenger Numbers Oxenholme – Windermere services.
- Bowness & Windermere Forward – after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a new approach should be made to contact SLDC over this project. Also four members of the Chamber would put together a letter which would then be sent to the businesses in Bowness and Windermere asking for their views, ideas etc.
- Business Task Force – Barry and Nigel Wilkinson (Chair of the BTF) answered questions on the 'raison d'être' of the BTF.

AOB

Cllr. John Saunders reported that there are now up to 5 traffic wardens and they are to be pro-active with incorrect 'on street' parking. He also asked for vigilance on the reporting of potholes on the highways and suggested reports are logged on the 'Pothole Hot Line - <http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/reporting-problem-on-highway/reportandtrackafaultonline.asp> Make sure you make a note of the case number. The same applies to any blocked drains reported.

The Secretary read out an email from Scott Keenan regarding his investigations into animal sculptures.

Barry closed the meeting at 8:17pm.

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