

## WINDERMERE CHAMBER OF TRADE

NOTES OF A GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016

IN THE SPA ROOM, BURNSIDE HOTEL, KENDAL ROAD, BOWNESSON  
WINDERMERE, COMMENCING AT 6.00PM

### Present

Barry Butler, Butler Thompson Associates  
Scott Keenan and Alan Winrow, Windermere Town Council

### Apologies

All Seasons Guest House – Michelle and Chris Harcourt-Poole  
PCSO Sarah Blawcow  
Councillor Ben Berry  
Tony and Liz Blaney – Fairfield Guest House  
Eve Blatchley – Honorary Member  
David Carter – David Carter Chemist  
Claytons Butchers  
Jill Chris – Gallery D'Art  
Tim Faron – MP  
Simon Everitt – past chair  
Adrian Faulkner – AGF Business Services Ltd  
Enid Gawthorpe – Welcome Guides  
Sue and Peter Jackson – Heart of the Lakes  
Bill Johnson – Hon Member (late apologies)  
Carol and Jonathon Kaye – Cedar Manor Hotel  
Paul Liddel – Lake Lovers  
Ian Seddon – HSBC  
Adam Slater – Booths Supermarket  
Tim Swain – Nat West Bank  
The World of Beatrix Potter Attraction and Old Laundry Theatre  
Nigel Wilkinson – Windermere Lake Cruises

### 1. Presentation

Unfortunately Tony Blaney could not attend at the last minute.

### 2. Police

If any of the members have got any questions of the police then they are to contact Adrian Faulkner who will get in touch with Sarah who said she will get back with any possible answers.

3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were read out. The only amendment that was required was that Barry Butler of Butler Thompson Associates should be added to the list of apologies.

#### **4. Matters arising**

None

#### **5. Correspondence**

There was a letter from Peter Lever of the Windermere Branch of the Royal British Legion regarding the Remembrance Day Parade. This is to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> November and the parade will assemble at Goodley Dale at 2pm. This will be followed by a service at St Martins Church at Bowness at 3pm and the service will finish around 3.50pm. There will be tea and biscuits at the rear of the church afterwards.

Barry Butler also received a letter from the Fizzy Tart which included 10 x 10% discount vouchers and 10 x loyalty cards. If any one wishes to use these then please contact Barry.

#### **6. Reports from the Chamber Representatives**

##### **6a. Membership Secretary**

Nothing to report

##### **6b. Windermere & Bowness Lights Group**

Nothing to report

##### **6c. Windermere Town Twinning**

No report

##### **6d. Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme**

Nothing to report

##### **6e. Windermere in Bloom/Cumbrian in Bloom/Britain in Bloom**

Adrian attended the Windermere in Bloom presentation evening at the Ladyholme Centre to present the Chamber of Trade trophy. The recipient failed to turn up and unfortunately I don't know who it was.

The meeting was poorly attended by the sponsors and award winner alike.

Cumbria in Bloom – a number of local businesses won awards at the Cumbria in Bloom Award Ceremony held at the North Lakes Hotel, Penrith in September.

The Cumbria Tourism Rose Bowl (Visitor Attractions) and the South Lakeland Trophy (Tourist in borough) were won by the Beatrix Potter Attraction. The Cumbrian Tourism Trophy by the Willowsmere Guest House and the Jackie Sanderson by Cedar Manor Hotel in the hotel category. All these winners achieved a Gold Award.

The RHS it's your neighbourhood award went to the Friends of St Martins Churchyard with thriving.

Britain in Bloom nothing to report.

##### **6f. Windermere Waterfront Project**

- The work is on-going on site but nothing further to report.
- 6g. Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership.**  
Adrian attended the AJM and quarterly meeting on behalf of the chamber and expressed the chamber's feeling towards the service being run by northern rail as directed at the last meeting. The comments were well received other than representatives of Northern Rail. The reports, updates, bulletins, budgets etc can be found on the Chambers web site by going to the home page and clicking on Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership.
- 6h. Bowness and Windermere Forward**  
There is a meeting of the board members this month which Paul Frain will be attending. Paul is the Chamber's stand-in board member. A report will be forthcoming before the next chambers meeting in November.
- 6i. Business Task Force**  
Unfortunately Barry could not attend the meeting at the last minute and is therefore not able to bring members up to date on it.
- 6j. Lake District National Park distinctive area meetings**  
Barry went to the meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at Coniston and this was mainly around affordable and social housing. It was a good meeting, well attended. There is to be another meeting for the Windermere area in November and we are currently waiting for the date and time.
- 7. AOB**  
Especially for You (Bowness) is closing down at the end of October. Last year's storm Desmond is the principle reason as the business has never recovered from it.