WINDERMERE CHAMBER OF TRADE

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016 AT THE SPA SUITE, BURNSIDE HOTEL, KENDAL ROAD, BOWNESS

In the absence of the Secretary these minutes were taken by a member present at the meeting.

Members Present

Liz and Tony Blaney, Fairfield Guest House Eve Blatchley, Honorary Member Barry Butler, Butler Thompson Associates Erica Hargreaves-Wood, Erica's Hair Salon Bill Johnson, Honorary Member

Apologises:

All Seasons Guest House David Carter (David Carter Chemists) Clayton Butchers Cinderella Me Simon Everett (Past Chair) Tim Farron (MP) Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd) Espeshelley 4 You Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide) Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes) Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor) La Galerie D'art (Jill Crisp & Mr. Tonnet) Paul Liddell (Lakelovers) Ian Seddon (HSBC) Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket) Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank) The World of Beatrix Potter Attraction

1. There was due to be a presentation by a member of the Rotary on Rock On Windermere to be held on The Glebe in June, but no member appeared.

However, when I returned to the office on Thursday there was an email sent at 16.55 on the Tuesday evening from Dave Fletcher apologising that no one could attend the evening meeting, a copy of which has been sent to Adrian and to be passed on to the members.

It is presumed that Dave Fletcher or somebody else from Rotary will be invited to attend the meeting on 10 May.

2. There was no update from the Police.

3. The Minutes of the meeting held in February were accepted as a true record.

4. No matters arising.

5. Correspondence – a copy of the Lakes Line Bulletin has been received and this will be on the web page.

Reports from the Chamber Representatives and other organisations

Membership Secretary, Erica Hargreaves-Wood - nothing to report

Windermere & Bowness Lights Group - no one present

Windermere Town Twinning, Tony Blaney – reported that there is going to be a band from Germany playing on 15 May, further details will be made available and on the 25 June there is going to be a Garden Party at the Fairfield Hotel

Water Catchment Restoration Programme - no report

Windermere in Bloom and Cumbrian in Bloom – the report will be on the web page.

However, there is a Report from Adrian saying that entry forms to the 2016 Cumbria in Bloom – Pride in Your Community campaign are now available on the Cumbria in Bloom website under Entries.

Also, entry forms for the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood, school gardening competition, Cumbria Tourism Awards.

Closing dates for all competitions is 30 April 2016. Entries to be forwarded to the Administrator at the address shown on the web page.

Judging will take place between the 13 - 24 June for schools and between 13 - 24 July for the other categories.

The Cumbria in Bloom Award Ceremony is to be held on 8 September at The North Lakes Hotel, Penrith.

Eve Blatchley commented on how good the flowers were looking in the Quarry Rigg area.

Windermere Waterfront Programme – we have heard nothing further from Cumbria County Council on the proposed amended plans.

With regard to the ongoing work there, this has been halted due to a leaking sewer which is to be repaired by United Utilities and it is unlikely that any work will start on this area before September.

Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership – there is a bulletin on the web page.

Business Task Force – Barry Butler attended a number of meetings with regard to this and unfortunately Highways England and Cumbria County Council have not been listening to businesses with regard to alternative routes and methods regarding the A591 and are not prepared to provide the information within a reasonable time that has been requested.

There was a general chat until about 19.10 when the meeting was closed.