

**Notes** of a general Members Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm

A number of members were present.

### **Apologies**

Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)

Eve Blatchley (Hon. Member)

Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)

David Carter (David Carter Chemists)

Cllr. Ben Berry

Clayton Butchers

Tim Farron (MP)

Caroline & Jonathon (Cedar Manor)

Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)

Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)

La Galerie D'art (Jill Crisp & Mr. Tonnet)

Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)

Ian Seddon (HSBC)

Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)

Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)

Barry Butler (acting Chair) introduced **Cllr. Leith Hallatsch**, Mayor of Windermere who started by outlining the future plans and projects of the Windermere Town Council (WTC). He made reference to the following:

1. The Council only have 13 members out of a possible 20. 2 members of the public are to be co-opted at the next Council meeting, leaving 5 vacancies to be filled.
2. The WTC are looking to create a higher profile and promote the area more.
3. There are a number of projects the WTC are involved in:
  - a. The utilisation of Langstone House and better use of the existing office space. It was pointed out that the WTC were 'sitting tenants.'
  - b. A new 'Community Plan' was being drawn up.
  - c. The allotment area at Droomer Drive had been tidied up and the council were looking at new possible sites to expand this project.
  - d. Discussions were taking place with SLDC regarding the 'open spaces' ground maintenance.
  - e. The WTC are making grants of up to £250 for 'Shop Front Improvements.' This was to be 'match funded' by the recipient.
  - f. Working more closely with the Lakes Parish Council despite them pulling out of the South Lakes Area Partnership. WTC have also withdrawn from this organisation.
  - g. WTC have given their support to the Glebe and Glebe Road Project together with the reversal of the chevron parking.
  - h. WTC would like to see more use of the Band Stand on the Glebe.

- i. Phase 1 of the work to be done in Elleray Wood has been agreed. Phase 2 needs funding.

Cllr. Hallatsch took a number of questions from the floor.

The Secretary read out an email he had received from a member regarding WTC regaining control of local finances and control of local expenditure. Cllr. Hallatsch stated he would take this back to the next full Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> September.

The Secretary handed to Cllr. Hallatsch a copy of the 'Feed Back' report on the survey the Chamber of Trade had undertaken amongst its membership regarding the Town Centre WiFi Project for Windermere and Bowness.

Barry Butler thanked Cllr. Hallatsch for his attendance and update.

### **Police**

No report.

### **Correspondence**

The Secretary read out a letter received from The Royal British Legion, Windermere Branch relating to the Remembrance Day Parade to be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> 2015. He asked for approval to purchase a wreath and that he would represent the Chamber on the day. **This was approved by those present.**

### **Reports**

1. 2 new businesses had taken up member of the Chamber:
  - a. Cedar Manor, Windermere and
  - b. Hill of Oakes and Lake District Estates
2. It was reported that the Winter Lights project had been taken over by a local group of volunteers.
3. It was reported that:
  - a. Windermere in Bloom Award Ceremony - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the Hydro Hotel, Bowness
  - b. Cumbria in Bloom Award Ceremony – The Chequers Hotel, Dalton-in-Furness.
  - c. Britain in Bloom – new marking scheme had been trialed this year with the hope that it would be included in 2016 judging.

### **AOB**

The Secretary reported that he had engaged Gail Escolme to give her Annual Employment Law update at the March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 meeting.

Barry Butler closed the meeting at 7:49pm.

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