

Notes of the General Members Meeting held on the 3rd October 2017 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

Present:

A number of members, a guest and Councillor Magda Khan (Windermere Town Council) were present.

Apologies:

All Season Guest House	Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Paula Parsons (Bowness News)
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Farron (MP)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Simon Everett (Past Chair)	World of Beatrix Potter Attraction, The
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)	Mike Robinson (Burnside Hotel)
Peter Leadbetter	Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)

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

Police

None attendance.

In the absence of the police it was agreed by those present to bring forward the discussion on the 'Flash flood' of the 30th September 2017.

Barry outlined his thoughts as to why there had been 'flashing flooding' which had occurred in slightly different circumstances from those in 2015. Road gullies and channels had not been cleared on a frequent basis.

Nearly all the 'A' and 'B' roads within the area had been affected in one way or another.

The Secretary reported that he had sent out a short questionnaire to the membership and other interested parties asking for observations and effects of the flooding. He stated that he had received a good number of replies together with photographs from businesses, residents, and the local MP. All these were being compiled into a report to be forwarded to:

- Windermere Town Council councillors, through the clerk
- District Council Officers and councillors
- County Council Officers and councillors
- United Utilities
- Environment Agency
- County Highways
- Tim Farron – MP

The report, once completed would be made available to all via the Chamber's website.

Minutes

After the following amendments;

Removal of Barry Butler and Scott Keenan from the Apologies, the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 5th September 2017 were accepted.

Matters Arising

No matters arising.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that all correspondence he had received had been circulated to the membership,

Report from Chamber Representatives

- **Membership** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – No report.
- **Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association** – Tony Blaney gave a brief report.
- **Windermere in Bloom/ Cumbria in Bloom**

Adrian Faulkner reported that the Cumbria in Bloom “Jackie Sanderson Trophy” had been won outright by The Cedar Manor, Windermere. He also reported that he had attended the Windermere in Bloom Award Ceremony recently, and the ‘Hole I’nt Wall’ had won the Chamber’s Trophy.

- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership**

Adrian Faulkner reported that he had attended the meeting on September 21st and that there had been a lot of discussion over the Government’s decision not to electrify the Oxenholme-Windermere line. This had proved to be a great disappointment to all. Various letters had been circulating from the Chair of the LLCRP, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Transport and the Department of Transport.

- **Business Task Force** – Barry reported that there had been a meeting, but he was still waiting for the minutes.

- **Sculpture Trail**

Scott Keenan reported he had over a number of days met with interested parties and had walked the proposed route outlining the concept as they went along. A number of promotional ideas had been put forward and these would be discussed at a future date.

The Secretary reported that he had received an enquiry from the clerk to the Windermere Town Council asking for more information as the Council could possibly be interested in offering help. He also reported that he had been invited to address a future Town Council meeting once the project had a stage to report on.

- **Bowness & Windermere Forward**

Adrian Faulkner reported that he attended the meeting on October 10th which was marginally better attended. The meeting agreed to advertise the post of ‘Project Manager’ in the Westmorland Gazette. Dave Cooke (Aqua Design) noted that the group need and identity and that he would be willing to design one and circulate amongst the board members. This was agreed to be those present.

He also reported that he had put onto the Chamber’s website a copy of the “Bowness & Windermere Forward Plan” for comments and had received a number of constructive ones. These would be passed on at the next meeting.

It was suggested, that if time allowed there could be an exhibition in the Methodist Chapel, Windermere, during the Christmas Fair weekend, showcasing the designs.



AOB

The Secretary reported he had received an email from a concerned member relating to the state of the drains around Windermere, Bowness and Troutbeck Bridge coupled with the lack of street cleaning of autumn leaves. Also the safety issues regarding the St. Mary's Bus Stop.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7:42pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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