

Notes of the General Members Meeting held on the 4th September 2018 in the Spa Suite, Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

Present:

A number of members together with Cllr. Magda Khan (Windermere Town Council) were present.

Apologies:

All Season Guest House	Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Stephen Broughton (Mountain Goat)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Stuart Bailey (Hon Solicitor)	Adrian North (Edge of the World)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	John Reynolds (Booths Supermarket)
Clayton Butchers	Paula & Graham Smith (Lingmoor Guesthouse)
Simon Everett (Past Chair)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron (MP)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)	World of Beatrix Potter Attraction, The
Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)	

In the absence of Barry Butler, Scott Keenan (Vice-Chair) took the chair and welcomed the assembled members and guests.

Police

None attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th May 2018 were accepted as being correct.

Matters Arising

No matters.

Correspondence

The Secretary read out the following emails he had received:

- United Utilities revised draft water plan,
- Windermere Town Council response to a query regarding Cumbria County Council looking at a pedestrian crossing where the Horse Chestnut tree stood and improvements to the area.
- A letter from the L.D.N.P.A. regarding the sudden appearance of stencil markings on the public footpaths in both communities. This appeared to contravene the parks advertising guidelines.
- An email from regarding the 2019 Welcome Guide and whether the Chamber would like to take out a small advert than previously. It was **AGREED** to carry this forward to the October meeting.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Representative.

- Cllr. Magda Khan reported that the Town Council would be holding a public meeting on the 12th September along with SLDC to hear comments regarding the litter problem within the area.
- General matters of interest as discussed by the council.

Report on the Sculpture Trail.

The Secretary reported that:

- He had arranged for Stuart Bailey to act as Honorary Solicitor for the duration of the project. This was welcomed by those present.
- He welcomed any further input into the Business Plan he had previously circulated. He thanked those who had already responded to his request for further information.

Scott Keenan reported on the progress being made “recruiting” further artists.

Alex Kirby reported that on a personal business level he had the services of a knowledgeable lady who knew where to source funding etc and suggested he asked her to contact the secretary with a view as to the best way forward. This was **AGREED** to by those present.

Report from Chamber Representatives

- **Membership** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association** – a request had been received from Diessen via Tony Blaney to see if a 3 month work placement could be obtained for a 21 year old? The Secretary reported that he had sent an email to the membership but had received no replies. It was **AGREED** that he should let Tony know of the situation in order for him to inform Diessen.
- **Windermere in Bloom / Cumbria in Bloom** – the Secretary reported that the Windermere in Bloom Award Ceremony would take place at the Hydro Hotel, Bowness on the 6th September. As no other person offered to attend, he said he would attend to present the Chamber of Trade’s Claret Jug for Commercial Baskets/Tubs.
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership** – The Secretary reported that he had attended the meeting on the 2nd July 2018. Reports had been received from:
 - Northern Rail
 - CRPO
 - Network Rail
 - TransPennine Express
 - Windermere Vision document

The Lakes Line guide leaflet and the Events leaflet had been welcomed.

- **Business Task Force** – Nothing to report

Bowness & Windermere Forward

The Secretary reported on the meetings held on the 11th June and the 11th July 2018. The following were discussed:

- Welcome Ambassadors and Map. He circulated the ‘new’ information map.
- “Grot Spot” Survey.
- Prom Art by the Bay
- Future Ideas. A number of members had emailed their thoughts and these had been forwarded onto the Project Manager.
- Funding going forward

He reported that the Chamber of Trade now had a place on the Project Management Sub-group, also that he would be attending, on behalf of the Chamber of Trade the next meeting of this group which would be held on 11th September 2018.

Payment Approval

It was **AGREED** that the sponsorship invoice from the Windermere Town Council for this year's hanging basket should be paid. This amounted to £50.00.

It was also **AGREED** that the Chamber of Trade should sponsor a basket in 2019.

Cumbria Fells & Dales Leader Programme AGM

The Secretary asked for a volunteer to attend the Cumbria Fells and Dales Leader Programme AGM on the 27th September 2018 at Newbiggin, Penrith. He suggested that this might be a good opportunity to 'network' with the officials as a lead in for any potential funding for the Sculpture Trail. A couple of those present expressed an interest and would get back to him.

AOB

The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner with a view to possibly facilitating a future public surgery in the Bowness and Windermere area. He had received a positive reply. Details are to follow!

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:21pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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