

Notes of a general Members Meeting held on **7th January 2020** in the Romney Snug Bar, Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 7pm.

Present

Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Bus. Services Ltd)
David Ferguson (Old Pump House)
Scott Keenan (Keen & Able)

Alex Kirby (Oakhill Veterinary Practice)
Bonnie McNab (ClearLakes Ltd)
Alison Tordoff (Fidget Design)

Windermere Town Council

Cllr. Peter Hamilton
Cllr. Sandra Lillie (Deputy Mayor)

Cllr. John Saunders (Mayor)
Cllr. Ian Telford

Guests

Mr. Brown
Richard Ownley

Phil White

Apologies

Stuart Bailey (HaytonWinkley – Hon Solicitor)
Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield Gust House)
Stephen Broughton (Mountain Goat)
Barry Butler (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)
David Carter (David Charter Chemists)
Clayton Butchers
Tim Farron (MP)
Mike Graham (Hackney & Leigh)
Michelle & Chris Harcourt-Poole (All Seasons)
Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Survey)
Caroline & Jonathan Kaye (Cedar Manor)

Helen Lawrie (Land & Sky)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Adrian North (Edge of the World)
John Reynolds (Booths Supermarket)
Andrew Simon (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Paula & Graham Smith (Lingmoor Guest House)
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Elisa Vidal (Hapimag)
Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
World of Beatrix Potter Attraction

Alex Kirby (Vice-chair) opened the proceedings as the Chair (Scott Keenan) was a late arrival and welcomed members, councillors and guests. Upon the Chair's arrival he asked that Alex to continue in chair for the entirety of the meeting, this Alex was happy to do.

Police

Cllr. John Saunders reported on their behalf. CCTV cameras had been approved and that South Lakeland District Council would be contributing towards the cost.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 were approved as being correct.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported on the following item of correspondence:

- An email from a concerned resident concerning the state of the road island at the bottom of Crag Brow, Bowness. It was reported that nothing would be done until the damaged drains under the road had been repaired. This is likely to happen before the end of March 2020.

- The same resident also raised the question of the litter bin on the pavement outside The Village Inn which did not leave enough room for a mobility scooter, pram etc to pass without having to go onto the road. The secretary was requested to County Highways to see if a solution could be found.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Representative

Cllr. John Saunders reported that:

- The council had set up 4 new groups – Health and Welbeing, Communication, Parks and Gardening and Community Enhancement. Each group would be led by a member of the council. Cllr. Peter Hamilton outlined as role as the lead of the Communication Group and stated the Chamber and the chamber could work even closer together, exchanging views etc. It was noted that there was a “Whatsapp Group” set up in Bowness and contact should be made with them as their ‘raison detra’ was similar to that of the Chamber and the Council and be asked to undertake a ‘joined up writing’ concept. The secretary undertook to make contact with the lead of this group.
- Concern was raised by a Councillor as to how the final new design for the roundabout in Bowness was arrived at. The secretary was asked to contact County Highway’s for information.
- The issue of the public toilets at the car park, Glebe Road, Bowness was raised by a member. He made the point that these should be reopened and made fit for public use. It was pointed out these and all public toilets were owned by the South Lakeland District Council who, like all other councils had no legal to maintain public toilets although there may be moral grounds. It was also pointed out that the WTC leased all the toilets in Bowness and Windermere and the Bowness Community Care Trust maintained them of behalf of the WTC. Views were sought from the meeting as to how the businesses visualise the use of them. The secretary suggested that a questionnaire be sent to the membership asking for their views. This was agreed to.

Sculpture Trail

Scott Keenan gave a quick update on the Sculpture Trail reporting that he had been on Radio Cumbria “Biz Quiz” promoting the trail.

Alison Tordoff has been updating the Facebook page on a regular basis. The page address is @sculpturetrail

The Secretary reported that any future committee meetings to be held in January would have to be held on a Thursday as the venue would be closed on a Monday.

Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership

The secretary reported he had attended the meeting on the 26th November 2019. Nothing of significance to report.

Bowness and Windermere Forward

1. Board Meeting – 11th December.
 - a. 2 ‘newbee’s’ for the board – James Tasker & Coffee Wagon
 - b. Small Grants for Public Realm – Match funding, closing date 10th January. Have forwarded application form to all members.
 - c. New Action Plan handed out and discussed. Only had broad headings, no detail! Amendments were suggested to remove the negativity from the document. New Action Plan circulated to board members following these amendments.
 - d. ‘Shake-up 2’ to be held on the 23rd January, Boaters Bar @ 5:30pm, at which v2 of the Action Plan will be made public. Project ideas will be sought from the public/businesses etc. The secretary would not be able to attend due to business commitments. Scott and Alison would be show casing the Sculpture Trail.
 - e. The question of finance for the ensuing year was discussed. A question was raised “what would happen if one of the main contributors stopped their funding?” Answer – Helen would continue on reduced hours.



- f. A Small Grants for Public Realm/Business Enhancement Projects Application Form had been circulated by the secretary to the membership. The maximum grant would be £800 which is to be match funded.
2. The Glebe Market for 2020 would continue in a new format – every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from February. All 3 previous markets would be held as a single market. BWF will only be supporting it this time round.

Scott Keenan closed the meeting at 9:22pm.

Adrian G Faulkner – Secretary, Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade
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