

Notes of the General Members Meeting held on the 7th November 2017 in the Spa Suite, 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.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd October 2017 were accepted as being correct.

Matters Arising

The Secretary reported the report on the ‘Flash Flood’ had been put on the Chamber’s website.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that he had received the following items of correspondence:

- An email from Tim Farron, MP stating that he would make sure the government were made aware of the report and that he would be contacting Michael Gove urging him to release the £25million allocated to south lakes for flood defences.
- An email from HMRC stating that as from the 15th December 2017 payments at the PO would be withdrawn. Also, as from the 13th January 2018 they will no longer accept payment by personal credit card. Debit card and corporate credit cards will continue to be accepted.
- An update from Balfour Beatty regarding Phase 2 of their work along the A592 and glebe Road Car Park.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Minutes.

The Secretary read out numerous items of interest to the Chamber taken from the WTC’s minutes. These included:

- The continued noise and anti-social disturbance from the Fizzy Tart as reported by a residence and a councillor.
- The Broadband Champion from Cumbria County Council reported on the roll out of rural broadband there is to be a training event in Windermere during January 2018.
- SLDC are asking for the views of the WTC about the proposed new “Public Spaces Protection Order”, which replaces the current dog control orders.

Report from Chamber Representatives

- **Membership** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere in Bloom / Cumbria in Bloom**
The date for the 2018 Windermere in Bloom Awards Ceremony is the 6th September 2018 at the Hydro Hotel, Bowness. Cllr. Christine Hallatsch was appointed Lead Councillor.
Windermere Town Council is to re-enter Cumbria in Bloom in 2018.
Windermere Town Council to continue its arrangement with Horton Landscaping for 2018, with the proviso that the plant watering and feeding significantly improves.
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership** - Nothing to report.
- **Business Task Force** – Nothing to report.
- **Sculpture Trail**
Scott Keenan gave an update on the progress being made and handed out copies of his DRAFT notes and a map of the Proposed Sculpture Locations.

Bowness & Windermere Forward

The Secretary reported that he had been asked to sit on the panel interviewing the candidates for the position of Project Officer.

He also reported that he had received comments regarding the Bowness & Windermere Forward Plan which he would take to the next board meeting.

AOB

The Secretary reported he would be attending the Remembrance Day Parade on November 11th and lay a wreath on behalf of the Chamber.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8:23pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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