

Notes of the General Members Meeting held on the 8th May 2018 in the Spa Suite, Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

Present:

A number of members together with Claire Mansfield and Amy Onuango (Felltarn Friends) were present.

Apologies:

All Season Guest House	Alex Kirby (Oakhill Veterinary Group)
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Barry Butler (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)	Paula Parsons (Bowness News)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	John Reynolds (Booths Supermarket)
Clayton Butchers	Paula & Graham Smith (Lingmoor Guesthouse)
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)
Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)	Carl Penson (The Porterage)
Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)	Paul Frain (Helen's Chocolates)
Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)	Hill of Oaks (Assoc Member)
Stephen Broughton (Mountain Goat)	

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

Presentation

Claire and Amy from Felltarn Friends gave a visual presentation on their thoughts as to how the Sculpture Trail booklet would look and also on its content. Comments from those assembled included:

1. The booklet should be DL in size and should be children orientated?
2. Possibility one for the children and one for adults?
3. possibility of an App for adults to be downloaded to their phone so they can guide the children at each sculpture

There is a 6 week 'lead time' and both the booklet and the map are zero rated for VAT purposes.

It was agreed that the map remains 'as is' but the notes need some amendments.

Claire and Amy stated they would take onboard these views when amending/updating the booklet.

Scott thanked both Claire and Amy for their attendance

Police

None attendance.

Sculpture Trail

Please refer to the Presentation notes above.

The Secretary reported that he had made contact with:

1. The L.D.N.P.A. regarding the planned sites and planning permission.
2. To look into the prospect of obtaining the services of an Honorary Solicitor.
3. Adrian Legg (Windermere and Bowness Civic Society) regarding the plaques

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th March 2018 were accepted as being correct.

Matters Arising

No matters.

Correspondence

The Secretary read out an email he had received from a person who had point out an out-of-date Business Link. They suggested the Chamber may like to add their link on to our website.

This idea was **REJECTED** by those present.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Representative.

- Nothing to report.

Report on the Sculpture Trail.

The Secretary reported that he had arranged a site visit with Neil Henderson (LDNPA Planning Officer) for a site visit on the 15th May 2018. Various members of the Sculpture Trail Sub-committee indicated they would like to attend. 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** – update by Tony Blaney saying that he and Liz would be visiting Diessen in their own right as part of the 20th Anniversary Celebrations of ‘twinning’ between the two communities.
- **Windermere in Bloom / Cumbria in Bloom** – Nothing to report
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership** – The Secretary reported that he had been asked by a number of people regarding a leaflet that was circulating the village regarding effluence being deposited on the rail tracks at various stations. He stated he had made contact with Dick Smith (LLCRP) who reported:

“The leaflet comes, I think, from Dr Jonathan Ward, who appeared in the Gazette a few weeks ago about this campaign. He's right that it's unsanitary, and a step backward. However, there is a programme for fitting retention tank toilets as part of the general refurbishment Northern's older trains are having, so it is a reducing problem. I suspect that the most practical solution is the hosepipe at Oxenholme station, even though it's less than ideal.”

The Secretary had also made reference to the number of cancellations Northern had made on the Lakes Line, Dick Smith replied

“Regarding the cancellations, we logged over 150 in April. What can we do? We have written (LLRUG and/or LLCRP) to David Brown, MD of Northern also the DfT and Transport for the North, and all of them have had facts and figures to show what is happening here, which is often worse than Northern seems to admit. Jim Jackson from the LEP has met David Brown, Tim Farron has contacted DfT, all to no avail so far. All I can think is that the more pressure, the better. If the Chamber wanted to write to David Brown and or the DfT, it might help. The Rail Minister is Jo Johnson.”

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

Bowness & Windermere Forward

The Secretary reported on the meeting held on the 16th April 2018 at which the following were discussed:

- Welcome Ambassadors & Map
- “Grot Spot” Survey
- Transport
- Action Plan Map
- Prom Art by the Bay
- Pop Up Shop

He also stated that he would be attending, on behalf of the Chamber of Trade the next meeting of this group which would be held on 15th May 2018.

Subscription Renewal

It was **AGREED** by those present to renew the following subscriptions on behalf of the Chamber of Trade:

- Windermere-Diessen Twinning Association - £10.00
- Lakes Line Rail User Group - £13.00 (Corporate Membership)

AOB

The Secretary brought to the meeting’s attention the new GDPR regulation which is coming into force on the 25th May 2018. He suggested that as we are a “small, non-profit making organisation” the Chamber of Trade should comply by amending its ‘Policy Statement’ which is on the Chamber’s website.

This was **AGREED** to by those present.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:42pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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