

**Notes** of a general Members Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

**Present:**

Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)  
Eve Blatchley (Hon. Member)  
Barry Butler (Michael Holden)

Bill Johnson (Hon. Member)  
Chris & Maureen Dodd (Hill of Oaks)  
Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)

**Guests:**

Lesley Burdon (Crescent Cards)  
Cllr. Leith Hallatsch (Mayor of Windermere)

Alison & Chris Jones (Windermere Tile & Bathrooms)  
Cllr. Alan Winrow (WTC)

**Apologies:**

All Season Guest House  
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)  
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)  
Clayton Butchers  
Tim Farron (MP)  
Simon Everett (Past Chair)  
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)  
Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)

Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)  
Scott Keenan (Keenan & Able)  
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)  
Paula Parsons (Bowness News)  
Cinderella Me  
Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)  
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)  
World of Beatrix Potter, The

Barry Butler took the chair and welcomed the assembled members and guests. He also thanked the Secretary for his quick action in getting the mis-leading "Road Closed" signs removed from Windermere & Bowness.

Before the business of the meeting, Cllr Leith Hallatsch (Mayor of the Windermere) together with Barry Butler presented certificates, trophies and cheques to the two winners of the Christmas Window competition. The winner for Windermere was Crescent Cards, and for Bowness, Windermere Tile and Bathrooms.

**Police**

None attendance.

**Minutes**

The notes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were accepted.

**Matters Arising**

Following on from the presentation made by Tony Blaney at the last meeting, there was a short discussion regarding the possibility of setting up a 'Corporate' membership. **AGREED** to be brought to a future meeting.

**Correspondence**

The Secretary reported that he had received several favourable comments regarding his actions over the mis-leading road signs in Bowness and Windermere.

**Report from Chamber Representatives**

- Membership – the Secretary reported that the Chamber had a new member – Santander.
- Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group – no report.
- Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association – no report.

- Windermere in Bloom/ Cumbria in Bloom – no report.
- Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership – no report.
- Windermere Waterfront Project – Cllr, Winrow reported that the Windermere Town Council had concerns over the chevron markings on Glebe Road. The Secretary informed the meeting that he had not been informed of any change and would contact those responsible for clarification.
- Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership – It was reported that there had been a 16% increase in the rail fare from Windermere to Kendal.
- Bowness & Windermere Forward – the Secretary that despite numerous emails to the officer at SLDC regarding future meetings, he had met with a ‘wall of silence.’ He was asked to contact the Chair of the meeting to ascertain what was going on.
- Business Task Force – Barry reported that there is to be a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017. He would report back to the December meeting. The main focus of this group is around ‘flood resilience’ and updates from the LEP.  
The Secretary was asked to write to the Valuation Officer regarding why the Rateable Value (RV) of business properties in this area had not been reduced due to Storm David as in line with other effected areas.

### German Themed Market

The Secretary presented a report based on the findings of the survey undertaken of the Chamber’s members. This was accepted by those present. The Secretary reported that the report would now go onto the Chamber’s website - [http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/survey\\_results.htm](http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/survey_results.htm)

The Secretary was asked to send a copy of the report to:

Cllr. Ben Berry (SLDC); Tim Farron MP; Cllr. David Williams (SLDC); Cllr. Graham Vincent (Economy Portfolio Holder - SLDC); Cllr. Steve Rooke (CCC); Steve Ratcliffe (LDNPA); Cumbria Tourism;

**NOTE:** Since the meeting, Cllr. Ben Berry – SLDC – had expressed his thanks for the report.

### Membership Recruitment Campaign

It was **AGREED** by those present that the following proposal be adopted:

That for every new member introduced by an existing member to the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade, that member is paid an introduction fee of £10.00 upon the new member’s renewal the following year.

### AOB

- **Business Rates**

Barry reported that there is to be a change in the ‘Rating Appeal’ system and suggested no one should employ any company to act on their behalf until the change had been sorted out.

Barry closed the meeting at 7:34pm.

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