

Notes of a general Members Meeting held on 13th September 2016 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

A number of members were present.

Apologies

All Season Guest House
Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)
Eve Blatchley (Hon. Member)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)
Clayton Butchers
Tim Farron (MP)
Simon Everett (Past Chair)
Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)

Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)
La Galerie D'art (Jill Crisp & Mr. Tonnet)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Ian Seddon (HSBC)
Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
World of Beatrix Potter, The

In the absence of Barry Butler, Bill Johnson took the chair and welcomed the assembled members and guests.

Presentation

Bill introduced Jim Maguire (SLDC) and Derek Jones (North Country Leisure – NCL) to the meeting. Jim began by outlining the thinking behind the thought process of improving the wellbeing of the community and visitors and the putting the leisure facilities (tennis court, pitch and putt, crazy golf) on the Glebe to better use. NCL had become a partner with SLDC in delivering leisure activities throughout the SLDC area. They are running the leisure facilities at Millar Ground. Some ideas were put forward by Jim who made it clear that both SLDC and NCL had come to the table with a 'blank sheet of paper.'

Derek stated that NCL was a charity who had been engaged by SLDC to manage its leisure facilities. He outlined the work NCL had undertaken on behalf of SLDC and the amount of money spent. He went on to state that they also had an 'open mind' as how best to utilise the facilities.

Suggestions came from the floor. These were noted. The Secretary suggested he sent an email not only to the membership but to all the business contacts he had within the parish asking them for suggestions. – **AGREED**

The Secretary pointed out that he had attended a presentation by United utilities earlier in the day regarding the improvement of the wastewater network and asked Jim if he could clarify the car parking situation both on Glebe Road and at the Braithwaite Fold Car Park. Jim stated that:

- About 50% of the car parking spaces in the Glebe Road car park would be lost,
- All the 'hard standing' parking at Braithwaite Fold would be retained.

The work is going to be carried out from November 2016 through to March 2017.

Bill concluded by thanking Jim and Derek for their attendance.

Police

None attendance.

Minutes

The notes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10th may 2016 were agreed.

Matters Arising

The Secretary was asked to contact both SLDC and the Rotary Club of Windermere regarding the 'Impact Survey' which was going to be undertaken following 'Rock On Windermere'.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that he had received new correspondence from:

- He had received the agenda for the AGM of the Lakes Line community Rail Partnership and he would be attending on the Chamber's behalf. He was asked to convey the views of those present that the new franchise was 'not fit for purpose' citing the number of cancellations, lack of luggage space, old rolling stock and the lack of electrification of the Windermere to Oxenholme line until 2019.
- He had received an invitation to attend the Windermere in Bloom Presentation Evening on the 22nd September in the Ladyholme Centre.

Report from Chamber Representatives

- Membership – the Secretary reported that of those members who had retired from their respective businesses, the new owners had continued the membership of the Chamber of Trade.
- Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association – had not been approached regarding the proposed "Winter German Market." Nor had the counterparts in Diessen.
- Windermere in Bloom/ Cumbria in Bloom – the Secretary had attended the Cumbria in Bloom Award Ceremony and reported that 4 local entrants had been awarded trophies and certificates. Two of them were members. These awards would be presented at the "In Bloom" evening on the 22nd.
- Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership – see comments in correspondence above.
- Bowness & Windermere Forward – the Secretary gave a brief outline as to what this new venture was and stated that the Chamber of Trade were a member of the Board.
- Business Task Force – Nigel Wilkinson in his capacity as Chair of Task Force gave a brief update as to the Force's focus which remained as 'providing resilience to flood recovery and damage. He also reported that there was to be a meeting on the 27th September. Nigel also reported that representatives from UNESCO would be visiting on the 4th and 5th October.

Sponsorship

It was AGREED that the Chamber should sponsor a Windermere Town Council hanging basket in 2017 at a cost of £50.

It was AGREED that the Chamber should make a donation to the Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights of £500.

AOB

- Alan Winrow (WTC Representative) reported that he had attended a 'toilets meeting' in response to the number of recent break-ins.

Bill Johnson closed the meeting at 7:48pm.

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