

MINUTES FOR WINDERMERE & BOWNESS CHAMBER OF TRADE

Notes of the General Members Meeting held on the 2nd April 2019 in the Spa Suite, Romney Snug Bar, Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 7pm.

Scott Keenan took the chair and welcomed the members and guests.

Present:

Barry Butler (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)

Scott Keenan (Keenan Able)

Guests and Interested Parties

Emma Benson (Visit England's Lake District)

Naz Craig (The Bownessie)

Apologies:

Stephen Broughton (Mountain Goat)	Stuart Daly (Thomson Hayton Winkley)(Hon's solicitor)
David Carter (David Carter Chemist)	Sharon Wright (Clayton Butchers)
Tim Farron MP	Simon Everett (past Chair)
David Ferguson (Old Pumphouse)	Paul & Rebecca Frain (Hands Chocolates)
Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)
PCSO Jonny Gios	Michael Graham (Hackney & Leigh Ltd)
Michelle & Chris Harcourt-Poole (All Season Guest House)	Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)
Alex Kirkby (Oakhill Vet Group)	Carol & Jonathon Kay (Cedar Manor Hotel)
Paul Liddel (Lake Lovers)	Adrian North (Edge of the Lake)
Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)	John Reynolds (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Swain (Nat West Bank)	Paula & Graham Smith (Lingmoor Guest House)
The World of Beatrix Potter Attractions & The Old Laundry Theatre	
Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)	

Police update

No one was present.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th March 2019 were accepted.

Matters Arising

None.

Correspondence

An email from Tim Farron regarding the Post Office closure at Kendal which has now been put back.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Representative.

None.

Sculpture Trail Update

Scott brought Emma and Naz up to date with the Sculpture Trail and discussed the possibility of Bownessie being part of the Sculpture Trail or even a mascot. It was agreed that this would be brought to the attention of the Sculpture Trail committee at their next meeting. It was also suggested to use Sell & Seek as a way of advertising the Sculpture Trail.

Report from Chamber Representatives

- **Membership** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Diessen Town Twinning Association** – A report was handed in from Adrian regarding the AGM held on the 22nd March 2019. It reported that some 40 children will be coming from Diessen Carl Orss school once again to stay at the Ambleside Youth Hostel arriving on Sunday 12th May and departing on the 14th May.
Unfortunately, there will be no exchange from Lake School this year due to a lack of interest.
- Members of the Diessen Twinning Group will be arriving at Manchester Airport on the 25th June and departing on the 1st July. The Association has got a draft programme with requests to visit the southern coastal areas and Yorkshire Dales. The current officers were re-elected.
- **Windermere in Bloom / Cumbria in Bloom** – nothing to report.
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership** – meeting held on the 5th March. A copy of the report will be on the web-page. The main issue is a reduction of locally based travellers due to the lack of confidence in the train service.
- **Business Task Force** – nothing to report.

Bowness & Windermere Forward Project Management

Meeting held on the 12th March. The following projects were agreed upon for the forthcoming year to take place in the tennis courts at Glebe Road, Bowness, Promart Antiques Fair and the Farmers Market.

There was a business meeting to be held on the 28th March at The Lamp Lighter, Windermere.

Welcome Volunteer 4 members of the public attended the Lake District National Park Association training.

AOB

Tourism industry chaplaincy 28th March, details of which can be obtained from Deacon Maggie at slakesmethodist.org.uk.

Naz brought up the twinning stone by the pump house is badly placed and is not very visible.

Other things discussed - signage, car parks, The Wham App for virtual maps, the possibility of Charlotte Mason College being involved.

The meeting closed about 9.30.pm