

**Notes** of the General Members Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness on Windermere commencing at 6pm.

**Present:**

A number of members 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)
Barry Butler (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)	Paula Parsons (Bowness News)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Scott Keenan (Keenan Able)
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)
Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)	

Barry Butler took the chair and welcomed the assembled members.

**Police**

None attendance.

**Minutes**

The notes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were accepted.

**Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

**Correspondence**

The Secretary reported that he had received an email from Luke Dlugaj (Balfour Beatty) outlining the works United Utilities (UU) would be undertaking along the A592 from November 2017 to April 2018. There is to be a 'traffic management' system in place together with signaging at strategic places in the area.

**Report from Chamber Representatives**

- **Membership** – Nothing to report.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – No report.
- **Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association** – Tony Blaney gave a brief report.
- **Windermere in Bloom/ Cumbria in Bloom**  
Adrian Faulkner reported that the Windermere in bloom judging had been completed and that he would be attending the Award Ceremony at the Hydro Hotel to present the Chamber of Trade's trophy for Commercial Baskets/Tubs.
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership**  
Adrian Faulkner reported that he would be attending the next meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

- **Bowness & Windermere Forward**

Adrian Faulkner reported that he attended the meeting on August 30th which was poorly attended. An action plan had been drawn up by SLDC and presented to the meeting. Funding was being sought from SLDC to engage the services of a Project Manager. The Chair of the Board would be making a presentation to the SLDC on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. A 'brain storming' session for 'quick fix' projects followed.

- **Business Task Force** – No report

- **Sculpture Trail**

Scott Keenan outlined the proposed project together with possible sights for the sculptures- 16 in total! A number of local artists had been contacted and had expressed an interest. Scott would be contacting them with a view to outlining the project and walking the route.

The Secretary suggested that those who were interested should submit sketch drawings and costings so funding could be obtained from various sources. Once funding had been secured, in principle, then permission from the various landowners would be sought.

The following expenses were agreed by those present and those members who had replied by email:

1. Windermere in Bloom for hanging basket - £50.00
2. Lakes Line User Group Subscription - £13.00
3. Windermere Branch of the Royal British Legion - £30.00 (wreath and donation). The Secretary stated he would be attending, on behalf of the Chamber, the Remembrance Day Parade in November, should no one else wish to do so.

#### **AOB**

The Secretary reported he had meet with Planning Officers of the Lake District National Park over concerns expressed regarding various planning applications and enforcement within Bowness and Windermere. They agreed to look into these concerns and report back.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7:22pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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