

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

Present:

A number of members together with the Mayor of Windermere (Cllr. Leith Hallatsch), Cllr. Magda Khan and Sally Pilkington (World of Beatrix Potter) 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)
Stephen Broughton (Mountain Goat)	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)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)	

Barry Butler took the chair and welcomed the assembled members and guests.

Police

None attendance.

Sculpture Trail

Scott Keenan gave an update on the progress being made. There then followed discussion on its contents.

The Secretary asked for clarification as to the number of non-members who could become members. It was agreed by those present that this be 4.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2018 were accepted as being correct.

Matters Arising

No matters.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that he had not received any further correspondence other than those notified to the membership via email.

Report from the Windermere Town Council Minutes.

- Nothing to report.

Report from Chamber Representatives

- **Membership** – The Secretary reported he had made contact with John Reynolds, the new manager at Booths Supermarket, Windermere.
- **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group** – Nothing to report.

- **Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association** – Tony Blaney gave an update on the 20th Anniversary celebrations of Twinning with Diessen and of the grant funding made available by the Windermere Town Council. He proposed that the Chamber may wish to make a grant to the Twinning Association towards the costs of the celebrations. The Treasurer proposed a figure of £300.00. This was seconded by Barry Butler and **AGREED** by those present. The Treasurer was asked to send the cheque with a covering letter of ‘best wishes and congratulations.’
- **Windermere in Bloom / Cumbria in Bloom** – Nothing to report
- **Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership** - Nothing to report.
- **Business Task Force** – Barry Butler reported that he had received an email regarding the Lake district National Park Authority’s decision to install new Pay and display machines across eight of their local car parks. This would happen on January 31st. The move to Pay and Display is an interim solution and does not mean that their long term strategy is away from ANPR.

He also reported that the next meeting is to be on the 26th February 2018.

Bowness & Windermere Forward

The Secretary reported that had had a good number of replies to the Windermere Town Council Parking Report he had sent to the membership. These replies covered all aspects of the report. He said he would be taking the responses to the next Bowness and Windermere Forward meeting, when the WTC’s report would also be presented.

AOB

1. The Secretary was asked to write to the South Lakeland District Council to ascertain if any of the money received from the sale of the Glebe Road toilets would be put back into the local economy?
2. The Secretary was asked to email the membership pages 89 – 92 of the WTC Car Parking Report asking for responses to sections 9.2.1 to 9.2.114.
3. Expressions of concern were given as to the number of alleged ‘homeless’ people ‘begging’ in Bowness and the impression it was giving Bowness. The Secretary explained that he had had a word with the local police and as long as they were not creating a disturbance/actually challenging the public for money there was nothing they could do. The Secretary was asked to contact S.L.D.C. and Cumbria County Council to see what they could do about the situation.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:27pm. There then followed an informal networking session.

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