

Notes of a general Members Meeting held on the 7th February 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	Michael Holden (Michael Holden Chartered Surveyors)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Caroline & Jonathon Kaye (Cedar Manor)
Jill Crisp (la Galerie d'Art)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Farron (MP)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Simon Everett (Past Chair)	World of Beatrix Potter, The
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)	Cllr. Alan Winrow (WTC)

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

Police

None attendance.

Minutes

Barry Butler asked that under the heading 'Business Task Force'. The second paragraph should start "Barry Butler was asked to write ..." Scott Keenan asked for the removal of the ampersand in his company's name to be removed. These were **AGREED** to and the notes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10th January 2017 were then accepted.

Matters Arising

The Secretary reported that he had had positive feedback from 2 councillors regarding the "German Themed Market" report.

United Utilities

The Secretary reported that he had had a meeting this afternoon with 2 officers from United Utilities (UU) working on the A592 Wastewater Project. The officers reported:

- UU will fully restore the 2 way traffic the full length of the A592 during the forthcoming half term.
- UU will be finishing the current phase of work no later than the 31st March 2017.
- All signaging will be removed and not re-instated until the end of October 2017.
- UU will look into not putting back the 'Diversion' signs that are currently in place throughout Windermere and Bowness.
- The manual electronic signing at Hammer Bank, Rayrigg Road, will be re-worded more appropriately. The sign carries 3 screens which revolve to show a complete message. However if only one screen is read it can lead to the misapprehension that Windermere & Bowness are closed. Assurances were given that this was in the process of being changed.

- UU were asked to look at the other manual signs to see if there was not a similar problem, if so to amend. These signs are at the
 - Plumgarth Roundabout, and
 - the Newby Bridge Roundabout.

Correspondence

The Secretary reported that he had received an email from PCSO Sarah Blacow regarding the fraudulent Scottish fivers. She pointed out that ‘they can feel waxy but have the same serial number. The problem is that’s just one batch others can have no water mark or no strip so it is not always easy to tell. The best way is if in doubt don’t except. Especially if the person trying to pass the note makes you feel something is not quite right.’

Report from Chamber Representatives

- Membership – the Secretary reported that he had visited a potential new member in Bowness who was being put forward by an existing member.
- Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group – no report.
- Windermere – Diessen Town Twinning Association – no report.
- Windermere in Bloom/ Cumbria in Bloom – no report.
- Windermere Waterfront Project – no report, but a discussion on the lack of progress being made.
- Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership – no report. Further meeting due shortly.
- Bowness & Windermere Forward – the Secretary reported that he had sent an email to Cllr. Graham Vincent (SLDC Economic Portfolio Holder) asking if could intervene in the problem of no responses to emails. He went on to report that he had a conversation with the officer concerned this afternoon and that there was hope for a Board meeting towards the end of this month. Towards the end of the meeting he reported that he had received an email from the officer on his phone but was too long to read out.
- Business Task Force – Barry reported that there is to be a meeting on the 24th January 2017 and he was awaiting the minutes. Barry did however report that of the £165m of government money put aside in October 2016, only £12.5m had come to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

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It was **agreed** that the main focus of the Chamber should be to increase the membership thereby increasing its voice in the community, with local authorities and Government.

AOB

Scott Keenan updated the meeting on the progress made regarding a ‘sculpture trail’ between Bowness and Windermere. This idea is very much at the embryonic stage. He hoped together with another member of the Chamber to visit a similar scheme in Yorkshire in the near future,

Barry closed the meeting at 7:14pm.

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