



**Windermere
& Bowness** | Chamber
of Trade

Promoting the trading and commercial interests of Bowness, Windermere and the immediate area.

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 3rd September 2013 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)	Richard Rogers (Old Pump House)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Amanda Davies (Brambles)	Penny Seeds (Manuka)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	

Guests:

Chris Plumb	Cllr. Alan Winrow (Mayor – WTC)
Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)	

Apologies:

Cllr. Ben Berry (S.L.D.C.)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Liz & Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	John Richardson (Richardsons Butchers)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Adam Slatter (Booth's)
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)	Insp Kevin Spedding (Cumbria Constabulary)
Clayton Butchers	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron (MP)	Enid Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)	

Simon Everett (Chair) welcomed the assembled members and guests to the meeting.

He then went onto introduce Sue Bloy – Lakes Accountancy Ltd – and member of the Chamber of Trade who was the guest speaker.

Presentation:

Sue started by outlining the main amendments to the treatment of Capital Allowances (CA) under the new Finance Act 2012 and what constitutes an asset on which CA's may be claimed. What Sundry allowances may be claimed and what the CA rates currently are. Sue also explained the Annual Investment Allowance (AIA). Sue then went on to discuss each individual asset and what CA's were available and explained the law up to the 5th April 2012.

Sue emphasised the need for all businesses to have an up to date valuation of their assets, usually valued by a qualified person and this valuation should be kept with the other legal documents appertaining to the business. There could be problems if this is not done when the business is sold on as it could have implication on the business selling price.

There then followed a Q&A session, after which Simon, on behalf of those assembled, thanked Sue for a very informative presentation.

A copy of the full presentation can be accessed at:

http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/speaker_presentations.htm#Capital_Allowances

Police:

Not in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th May 2013 were accepted as being a true record. Proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Christopher Rushton.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

The Secretary reported that he had written to Peter Thornton, Leader of the South Lakeland District Council over the comments made by Cllr. Stewart regarding the car parking charges and the visitor in the second paragraph of the said minutes. Cllr. Thornton stated that it was not the council's stance. He also reported that he had emailed Cllr. Joe Stephenson but had no reply.

He also reported that he had received an email from Deborah Wright regarding the proposed new signing in SLDC's car parks.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported he had the following correspondence;

- An email from the Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency detailing a free business support programme they have set up. Further details: 01768 891555 or email tom@crea.co.uk
- An email from the Chartered Institute of Taxation regarding their planned survey in relation to HMRC's new PAYE Real Time Information system.
- An email from The Chartered Institute of Taxation regarding a survey they are planning to carry out. And use of the Chambers website to host links to the survey.
- An email from Simone Backhouse (Community Problem Solver) asking if the Chamber could advertise Cumbria Police Alcohol Harm Week. This was agreed to by those present.
- Information regarding a "Love Your Lakes" business event to be held on the 11th September.
- A letter from the Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights group requesting financial assistance.
- A letter from the Windermere Branch of the British Legion inviting the Chamber of Trade to be represented at the Remembrance Day Parade. It was agreed by those present that the Secretary should attend and that a wreath is purchased.

Reports:

- a. **Membership Secretaries:**
The Secretary reported that Sykes Cottages had become the Chamber latest member.
- b. **Community Safety Partnership**
Nothing to report
- c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**
It was agreed by those present, to make a donation of £700.
- d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**
Nothing to report.
- e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**
Nothing to report
- f. **Visitor Information Centers:**
Nothing to report
- k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**
Nothing to report.

I. **Cumbria in Bloom:**

A new initiative being undertaken by Cumbria in Bloom, in conjunction with Cumbria tourism with the launching of a branded "MyCumbria" card. By purchasing a branded card you are supporting Cumbria in Bloom. Details and application form can be found at:

http://www.cumbria-in-bloom.org.uk/mycumbria_card.htm

Details of all the deals on offer can be found at www.mycumbriacard.co.uk

Windermere Waterfront Project:

Barry Butler reported that he and the Secretary had attended a sight visit at Ferry Nab accompanied by Jim McGuire and Deborah of SLDC. Discussion as to the plan and suggestions for possible improvements were aired. Alan Winrow commented that the WTC had taken a complete overview of the project and had turned it down as there were a number of issues that needed ironing out.

Windermere Drought Impact Assessment Refresh:

Barry Butler reported on a meeting he had attended.

Dog Fouling Orders:

Barry Butler and the Secretary reported on a meeting they recently attended with a representative from SLDC to clarify the issues over the orders and how the Chamber may help in publishing the project. It was agreed at the meeting, that information should go onto the Chamber's website together with the leaflet supplied by SLDC and the Dog Control Orders.

Shop Watch Stickers:

In the absence of the Police, the Secretary gave a brief report on the uptake of the stickers. He pointed out that there were still a number of retail premises who have not joined the scheme. The stickers can be obtained from him or Jules in Bowness.

Christmas Market:

The Secretary reported that the German Winter Market would not be taking place this year due to difficulties in the UK VAT legislation.

Business in Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

Over 276,000 world wide hits on the website from May to August 2013.

A.O.B.

It was reported that the WTC have a grant fund of £2,000 to distribute to retail premises that are looking to improve their frontage.

The question of retail outlets putting table and chairs outside their shops which may be on the public footpath was discussed. This was brought about because of a planning application in Bowness.

The question of potholes in the main roads throughout the Parish was raised again. The Secretary reported that he had taken nearly 70 photographs and had passed them onto the Town Council at the request of the previous Clerk to the Council. He also stated that Cumbria county Council had a legal duty to attend to the holes within a prescribed timescale once they had been notified. He asked the WTC Councillors present if they could chase the matter up.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2013

Nov 12th

Dec 17th – AGM & Christmas Get Together

2014

Jan 7th

Feb 4th

Mar 4th

Apl 15th
May 6th

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