



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 6th September 2011 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Members Present:

Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc.)	Richard Rogers (The Old Pump House)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Rob Fowler (Rob Fowler Associates)	Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Paul Frain (Helen's Chocolates)	

Guest(s)

Cllr. Ben Berry	Ken Jewell (Police)
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Apologies:

Thomas Banks (Banks Jewellers)	Chris Gabbott (The Coppice)
Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	David & Gillian Howarth (Renoirs)
Booths Supermarket	Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Clayton Butchers	PCSO Scott Livett
Dave & Tracy Cooke (Aqua Design)	Penny Seeds (Manuka)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron MP	Enid Thompson (Welcome Guides)
Sue Fixter (Pitlochry)	Amanda Took (Mystic Moon)

In the absence of Simon Everett, Paul Frain (Vice Chair) took the Chair and welcomed the assembled members.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd May 2011 were accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

Thanks had been sent to Gail Escolme for her presentation on Employment Law.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported no correspondence had been received, not already notified.

Reports:

a. **Police**

Ken Jewell reported on the crime figures for Cumbria and the local area which showed a reduction over the last six months, year on year. He went onto report that there had been a spate of criminal damage and problems with itinerants. Finally he reported on the 'road safety' campaign being undertaken at Troutbeck Bridge. Complimentary comments were given regarding the safety campaign undertaken by the children of Goodley Dale School.

b. **Membership Secretaries:**

No report.

c. **Community Safety Partnership**

No report.

- d. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**
David Howarth gave an update on the progress being made for this years Winter Lights and Festival.
- e. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**
The Secretary reported that he had received the Associations latest Newsletter and this would place on the Chambers website on the Town Twinning page. He also reported that he and the Chair had received from Jenny Borer an email requesting help from the businesses in finding work places for students from Diessen to gain work experience. **Anyone who can offer a place should contact Jenny on 015394 44665.**
- f. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**
No report.
- g. **Windermere Waterfront Project:**
Barry Butler gave a brief report and stated that he would be attending a meeting of the steering group and would report back at the next meeting.
- h. **Tourist Information Centers:**
No report.
- i. **Business Maps/Guides for Windermere and Bowness:**
Ruth Thompson reported that was a possibility of producing an 'app' for the map.
- j. **Local Development Framework:**
No report.
- k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**
No report.
- l. **Cumbria In Bloom:**
Adrian Faulkner, in his capacity as a Management Committee Member of Cumbria In Bloom informed the meeting that, Windermere & Bowness had won the "Best Town" category in the Cumbria In Bloom competition for the fourth time in a row and that the trophy was being presented at tonight's Windermere In Bloom Award Ceremony.

Business Improvement District (BID's):

It was reported that the first leaflet informing the qualifying businesses had been sent out and responses had been received. A further leaflet would be sent shortly together with a series of adverts in the Westmorland Gazette advertising the dates and venues of the public meetings.

Windermere Air Festival/Glebe Trading:

The Secretary reported the Bluestone Events together with Sqd Leader Bill Hartree and a member from Rotary would be addressing the Chamber at October's meeting. Richard Rogers reported that as far as he was concerned this years event had been a success although there were a considerable number of complainants regarding the charging for going onto the Glebe.

SLDC's Parking Review:

The Secretary informed the meeting of the consultation being under taken by SLDC and pointed members to SLDC's website for the full text of this consultation.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

The Secretary, in his capacity of webmaster of the Chambers website, informed the meeting that for the months of July and August 2011 there had been nearly 160,000 world wide "hits" on the website. This brought the total to over 362,000 world wide "hits". He also gave a brief breakdown of were the 'hits' had originated from.

A.O.B.

The Secretary reported that Booths had a new mangers – Adam Slater. He reported that he had sent on behalf of the Chambers "best wishes and thanks for all the support the previous manger had given the Chamber.

In his capacity as Treasurer he asked the those present approve the payment of two bills:

1. Subscription to the Town Twinning Association - £10.00
2. Windermere Town Council for the sponsorship of the hanging basket - £40.00

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2011

Oct 4th

Nov 1st

Dec 20th – AGM & Christmas “Get-together”

2012

Jan 3rd

Feb 7th

Mar 6th

Apl 10th

May 1st

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