

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Tony Blaney	Fairfield Guest House	L T Hallatsch	WTC
Barry Butler (Chair).	Butler Thompson Assoc.	Bill Johnson	Honorary Member
Naomi Darbshire	W McClures Ltd	Steve Marston	The Cook House
Adrian Faulkner (Sec)	AGF Business Services	Mike Nicholson	Seafarers
Simon Everett	Simon Everett Opticians	Mike Roberts	Millbeck

Apologies:

Liz Blaney	The Fairfield Guest House	Steve Holcroft	Steve Holcroft Photography
Dave Cook	Aqua Graphic	David Howarth	Renoirs
Tim Farron MP		Paul Liddell	Lakelovers
Jo Harris	Windermere Wine Stores	Penny Seeds	Manuka
		PCSO Scott Livett	

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled members.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009 were accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters under this heading.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that he had received an email from Hans-Peter Sander from Diessen, a copy of which had been sent to the Chambers representative on the Town Twinning Association, inviting Chamber members to, as he put it, "reload our links and relationship." He put forward a number of ideas on how this maybe achieved. It was thought that the email should also be forwarded onto the Chair of the Winter Lights Committee.

Reports:

**1. Business Improvement District (BID) – Steve Marston**

Steve Marston updated the meeting on the progress being made and stated that he was waiting for an electronic copy of the Keswick application and added that he had sent a 'hard copy' to the Town Centers' Manager. He went onto report that he was still awaiting information from South Lakeland District Council and that the first step was to get funding in place to appoint an independent consultant to undertake a feasibility study. Steve would up date the membership as things progressed.

After a discussion it was decided, by those present, that the Chamber and the LHA should have a presence at the forthcoming LHA Show to promote the BID to local businesses.

**2. Cumbria In Bloom**

The Secretary, in his capacity as an Executive Member of Cumbria In Bloom, gave the meeting an update on the expectations of the judges for this years competition and asked that businesses do all they can to help retain the trophy won last year.

**3. Membership Secretaries**

Nothing to report.

- 4. **Police**  
Nothing to report.
- 5. **Eco-Friendly**  
Nothing to report.
- 6. **RAF Weekend**  
It was reported that the "Family Air Show Weekend" would be going ahead this year, but likely as not, without the Red Arrows.

**Dog Fouling**

Naomi Darbshire brought to the attention of the meeting the vexed subject of 'dog fouling' and asked if there was anything the Chamber of Trade could do to eradicate the situation. After much discussion it was agreed that the Secretary should write to SLDC asking that the public be made more aware of their responsibilities regarding dog fouling; that the 'red signs' go back on top of the waste bins and that the waste collection employees be supplied with the correct equipment to empty the waste bins.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2009**  
TBA

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