

Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a General Meeting held on the 1st May 2007 at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Liz & Tony Blaney	Fairfield Guest House	Jowty Mayo	Musgraves
Barry Butler	Butler Thompson Assoc	Steve Marston	The Cook House
Naomi Darbishire	McClures Ltd	John Richardson	Richardson Butchers
Simon Everett	Simon Everett Opticians	Penny Seeds	Manuka
Adrian Faulkner	AGF Business Ser Ltd	Chris Simpson	Windermere Service Station
Joanne Harris	Windermere Wines	Adam Thorp	Thorp Ltd
Chris & Bill Johnson	Past & Present		

Also in attendance: Paul Holdsworth South Lakes Development Trust

Apologies:

Eve Blatchley	Honorary Member	David Howarth	Renoirs
Liz Chamberlain	Things	Carol Scott	Things
Tim Farron MP			

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler welcomed all those present and introduced the new attendees. He then went onto introduce Paul Holdsworth, the new Town Centres Manager.

Paul Holdsworth: Paul outlined his job specification and pointed out that he was employed by the South Lakes Development Trust and not by either the County or District Councils nor the Lake District National Park Authority. He then went onto outline some key issues;

1. Enhancement of Crescent Road: Was pursuing the issues raised by the local community with the major Stakeholders. Accepted there was a significant amount of mis-trust between the residents and the Stakeholders an example of which was the amount of surveying work done in Crescent Road. It was pointed out that this work was being undertaken by the Utility Companies in order to ascertain where the various cables, pipes etc were located. Paul agreed that there was no reason for people not to be informed. Paul agreed to go back to the Contactors to ask them to get rid of the paint on the roads and footpaths as there was a growing concern from local businesses. It was pointed out that this paint could be there for up to 3 months. Paul tried to allay the fears of pedestrainisation of Crescent Road. A discussion ensued regarding the traffic flow along Ellerthwaite Road, the Station area and the A591.
2. Paul was asked to relay back to the Chamber, via the Secretary, feedback on various outstanding projects. This he agreed to.
3. A Parking Needs study is going to undertaken in the near future.
4. Ellerthwaite Square Project was being fronted by the South Lakes Development Trust.
5. If the Crescent Road scheme is a success, then there maybe further European funding.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting's held on the 3rd April 2007 where accepted as being a true record after the following amendments:

1. The Town Twinning Garden Party is to be held on the 16th June 2007.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

It was pointed out that The Cook House should be so named on the Chamber's website. The Secretary, in his capacity as Webmaster, agreed to make the amendment.

Correspondence:

The Secretary notified the meeting of the following correspondence:

1. A leaflet regarding the "October Outdoor Fest" being held in Ambleside.
2. A letter from SLDC regarding the formal consultation on Hackney Carriage Stands in Bowness. It was agreed that this should be placed on the Chamber's website and the membership notified.

Reports:

WOW:

Adrian Faulkner reported on the penultimate meeting of the WOW Steering Group before the event took place. He pointed out that there would be a "feedback" meeting in the near future. He also pointed out that all the Minutes of the Steering Group are on the Chambers' website.

South Lakes Development Trust:

Bill Johnson (the Chambers representative) reported on the Trusts' Annual General Meeting which had been attended by 35 members of the public. He reported that Councillor Joan Stocker (Chair) had commented that lessons had been learnt since the Trusts' inception in 2004 and Paul Holdsworth reported that his "skill set" in bring funding into the SLDT had been enhanced.

Membership Secretaries:

Adam Thorp reported that the leaflets (see previous Minutes) were ready. Jo and Naomi were to pick and start distributing to businesses who were not members of the Chamber.

Winter Lights:

Penny Seeds stated that there was nothing of interest to the Chamber, but would report when there was.

Website Update:

The Secretary, in his capacity as the 'web designer' that there had been a number of new additions to the Chambers' website within the last month. The number of 'hits' on the website were showing an increase and this was encouraging.

Any Other Business:

Chris Simpson reported that there had been a meeting amongst the Crescent Road businesses and residents over the Enhancement proposals.

Taxi Rank in Bowness Consultation:

It was agreed, by those present, that the Chamber should respond to the letter mentioned in the "Correspondence" above to the effect that it deplored the loss of parking spaces for the public. The time stated for taxi usage, was unacceptable and a suggested time maybe 9pm to 7am. The retention of the 2 disable parking space were to be retained.

Dates of Future Meetings:

2007

11th September

2nd October

6th November

11th December – **AGM** and Christmas Get Together

2008

8th January

5th February

4th March

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