

The minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** held on the 11th December 2007 at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Tony Blaney	Fairfield Guest House	Jo Harris	Windermere Wine Store
Eve Blatchley	Hon Member	Steve Holcroft	Steve Holcroft Photography
Barry Butler	Butler Thompson Assoc	Bill Johnson	
Naomi Darbishire	W McClures	John Richardson	Richards Butchers
Simon Everett	Simon Everett Opticians	Cllr. Joan Stocker	WTC
Adrian Faulkner	AGF Business Services Ltd		

Apologies:

Liz Blaney	Fairfield Guest House	Chris Johnson	
Liz Chamberlain	Things	Penny Seeds	Manuka
Tim Farron	MP	Carole Scott	Things
David Howarth	Renoirs		

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled guests and asked for a nomination of chair to conduct the Agenda items 2 through to 4a. Bill Johnson (Vice Chair) was duly elected.

The following amendments to the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade's Constitution were made:

- a. No 8 – The words “30th November” shall be amended to 30th December.”
- b. No 10 – in the 3rd paragraph the words “Vice Chair and one other officer” shall be inserted.
- c. No 14 – the words “an honorary member maybe elected as an officer of the Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade by those attending the Annual General Meeting.”

The Secretary was requested to incorporate these amendments into the Constitution and publish on the Chambers website.

Honorary Membership:

Bill Johnson (Past & Presents) was nominated for an Honorary Membership for all his work over the past years on behalf of the Chamber of Trade. This was proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Naomi Darbishire and carried by all those present.

Election of Officers:

- a. Chair – Barry Butler. Prop by Bill Johnson, Seconded by Tony Blaney.
- b. Vice Chair – Bill Johnson. Proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Simon Everett.
- c. Secretary – Adrian Faulkner. Proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Simon Everett.
- d. Treasurer – Adrian Faulkner. Proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Simon Everett.
- e. Membership Secretaries – Naomi Darbishire and Jo Harris. Proposed by Adrian Faulkner, Seconded by Barry Butler.
- f. Representative on the Windermere Community Safety Partnership – Bill Johnson. Proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Jo Harris.
- g. Representative on the South Lakes Development Trust. Situation left vacant.

- h. Representative on WOW – Barry Butler/Adrian Faulkner. Proposed by Tony Blaney, Seconded by Simon Everett.
- i. Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group – Naomi Darbishire for Bowness; Jo Harris for Windermere. Proposed by Tony Blaney, Seconded by Simon Everett.
- j. Windermere Town Twinning Association – Eve Blatchley. Proposed by Simon Everett, Seconded by Bill Johnson

Minutes of the Previous AGM:

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 6th November 2006 were accepted as true record.

Chairman's Annual Report:

Barry started by thanking all officers and members for their support throughout the year. He then went onto single out the work done by the Winter Lights Group for all their hard work within the community and also to Chamber members; Jo, Naomi and Penny. He conclude his 'thanks' by thanking Bill Johnson for all his support as Vice Chair and Adrian for all his hard work as Secretary and Webmaster.

Barry then made reference to the Chambers involvement in various consultations initiatives and activities:

- a. Windermere On Water
- b. Shop Radio Link
- c. Fairtrade Week
- d. Post Office Closures
- e. Activities Workshop
- f. Windermere Enhancement Scheme
- g. The Royal Loading Bay

Correspondence:

The Secretary read out the following items of correspondence:

- a. A letter of 'thanks' from the Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group for the Chambers kind donation.
- b. A letter of the Lake district National Park Authority outlining the breach of planning control by the Old England Hotel regarding the installation of the windows within the new extension.

Financial Statements:

The Treasurer presented to the meeting the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th September 2007, which showed the Chamber to be in a healthy financial position. He answered question from the floor and then the accounts were accepted as a 'true and fair' record of the Chambers finances.

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