

The minutes of the Annual General Members Meeting held on the 2nd December 2008 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Liz & Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)
Barry Butler (Chair)
Naomi Darbishire (W McClures)
Adrian Faulkner (Secretary)

Robert Fowler (Robert Fowler Assoc)
Jo Harris (Windermere Wine Store)
Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Steve Marston (The Cook House)
Mike Roberts (Millbeck)
Sgt John Stevens (Windermere Police Station)

Apologies:

Clayton Butchers
Anthony Dean (Threshers – Windermere)
John Dixon (Beaumont Elec.)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)

Tim Farron MP
Chris Gabbott (The Coppice)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled members and guests and introduced Sgt. John Stevens whose first meeting this was. Barry then went onto give his Annual Report which can be found on the Chamber of Trade's website.

Remarks from Sgt Stevens:

Sgt Stevens introduced himself as the Community Sgt for Lakes and Windermere Parish's and Coniston.

Issues: Shop lifting. Theft, fraud and anti social behaviour are the main issues affecting the area. LPT Strategy Patrols at the moment were geared towards shop lifting. A repeat campaign against Anti Social Behaviour was being undertaken.

The Community Policing Team is promoting a 'Shop Watch Radio System' with the benefits outweighing the costs. He then went onto outline the steps that could be taken to help alleviate shop crime:

- CCTV/Mirrors
- Layout of the shop
- Staff training
- Checking of credit cards, large denomination cheques, bank notes and counterfeit currency
- Beware of 'distraction' tactics
- Reporting suspicious activities.

There was a Q&A session after which Barry thanked Sgt Stevens for his comments.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters under this heading.

Election of Officers:

The following nominations were received for the Officer positions for 2009/10 and were duly elected by those members attending the meeting:

Position	Officer	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Barry Butler	Jo Harris	Naomi Darbishire
Vice Chair	Steve Marston	Naomi Darbishire	Barry Butler
Secretary	Adrian Faulkner	Barry Butler	Tony Blaney
Treasurer	Adrian Faulkner	Barry Butler	Steve Marston
Membership Secretary – Bowness	Eve Blatchley	Barry Butler	Adrian Faulkner
Membership Secretary – Windermere	Steve Marston	Adrian Faulkner	Naomi Darbishire
Windermere & Bowness Community Safety Partnership	Bill Johnson	Adrian Faulkner	Barry Butler
Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights	Jo Harris and Naomi Darbishire	Bill Johnson	Liz Blaney
WOW	Adrian Faulkner and Barry Butler – only if there was a WOW Committee		
Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme	Simon Everett	Bill Johnson	Barry Butler
Windermere & Bowness Town Twinning Association	Eve Blatchley	Rob Fowler	Tony Blaney

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer handed out to the meeting a copy of the Financial Statements of the Chamber of Trade as at September 30th 2009. This showed that the Chamber was financially viable. The Treasurer recommended that the subscription rate should remain at £25.00 for the forthcoming year. This was accepted by the membership present.

Correspondence:

The Secretary reported that apart from the correspondence already notified and on the Chambers' website, there was nothing to report.

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