



**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 1st May 2012 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Members Present:

Liz Blaney - Fairfield House	Paul Frain – Helens Chocolates
Eve Blatchley – Hon Member	Erica Hargreaves-Wood - Erica's Hair Salon
Barry Butler – Butler Thompson Assoc	David & Gill Howarth - Renoirs
Amanda Davies - Brambles	Bill Johnson – Hon Member
Adrian Faulkner – AGF Business Services Ltd	Jonty Mayo - Musgraves
Robert Fowler - Robert Fowler Associates	Christopher Rishton – Lakes Architects

Guests:

Gail Escolme – Hayton Winkley (Speaker)	Ian Fairborn
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Apologies:

Tony Benton – Lazy Daisy's Restaurant	Paul Liddell - Lakelovers
Cllr. Ben Berry – SLDC	Robin Love – Ambleside PO
Sue Bloy – Lakes Accountancy	John Richardson – Richard's Butchers
David Carter – David Carter Chemists	Penny Seeds - Manuka
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slatter - Booths
Tim Farron, MP	Tim Swaine – NatWest Bank
Chris & Barbara Gabbott – The Coppice	Enid & Ruth Thompson – Welcome Guide
Sue Jackson – Heart of the Lakes	Amanda Took – Mystic Moon

Paul Frain, vice chair took the chair in the absence of Simon Everett and welcomed Gail Escolme - guest speaker, members and guests.

Presentation:

Gail gave her usual informative annual update on Employment Law. The areas covered were:

- Unfair Dismissal
- Discrimination
- Pensions
- Social Media
- Redundancy
- Change of Terms & Conditions of Employment

The complete slide show presentation can be found at <http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/EmploymentLawUpdates.htm>

There then followed a Q&A session at the end of which Paul thanked Gail for her interesting and informative presentation and asked if she was willing to return in 2013. Gail readily agreed.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17th April 2012 were accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

None reported.

Correspondence:

None reported.

Reports:

- a. **Police:**
The theft of waste oil and that the scaffolding at VJ's would be there for sometime.
- b. **Membership Secretaries:**
No report.
- c. **Community Safety Partnership**
Nothing to report.
- d. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**
Nothing to report.
- e. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**
Tony Blaney reported that the tickets for the "3 Band Concert" were now on sale
- f. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**
Nothing to report
- g. **Windermere Waterfront Project:**
Nothing to report.
- h. **Tourist Information Centers:**
Nothing to report.
- i. **United Utilities:**
Nothing to report
- j. **Business Maps/Guides for Windermere and Bowness:**
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 and co-ordinator for Britain In Bloom entry, reported that the May Newsletter had in the process of being published and circulated. He also pointed out that this year, due to rising costs, the hanging baskets would be £50 per lamppost. This still represented good value and an inexpensive form of advertising. Those who sponsored a basket last year will be considered to be doing the same this year unless Cllr. Lisa Greasley has been notified to the contrary. Her number is 015394 44465. Britain In Bloom judging will provisionally take place on August 2nd.

Olympic/Diamond Jubilee window competition

The Secretary brought to the meeting a copy of the A5 flyers that was to be produced and distributed to all businesses within both areas. The design was agreed on by those present

Bus Drop-off Point

Nothing to report.

599 Bus Route Alterations:

The Secretary reported that as requested at the previous meeting, he had written to Stagecoach supporting the comments made by the Windermere Town Council and adding that any change would be detrimental to businesses in so much as those who relied on the bus going up Thornbarrow Road, Park Road and Ellerthwaite Road may have difficulty in getting to the shops etc.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

The Secretary reported that there were no statistics available at the time of the meeting.

A.O.B.

The Secretary was asked to enquire as to whether there are any local groups dealing with the Localism Act.

Eve Blatchley informed the meeting that there was to be a "Casino Night" at the Lake District Boat Club in aid of 'Binney's Bed.'

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2012/13

TBC – see 'Local Events' page of the Chambers website.

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