



**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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

**Members Present:**

Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)
Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Amanda Davies (Brambles)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	

**Guests:**

Helen Houghton (LDNPA)	Cllr. Alan Winrow (Mayor – WTC)
Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)	Sgt. Bill Nolan (Cumbria Police)

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Ben Berry (S.L.D.C.)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	John Richardson (Richardsons Butchers)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)	Richard Rogers (The Old Pump House)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)	Ian Seddon (HSBC)
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Farron (MP)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
David & Gill Howarth (Renoirs)	Enid Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)	Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)

Simon Everett (Chair) welcomed the assembled members and guests to the meeting. The Chair went onto welcome Helen Houghton, Policy Planner with the LDNPA who gave a presentation on the 'allocation of Land (Local Plan Part 2) proposals regarding Bowness Bay and the Glebe.

Helen outlined the proposal by saying the HMG Inspector commented that there was need by the LDNPA for "to have a clear plan and fully engage with businesses like the Chamber." The Inspector had accepted the site boundary and the 'Statement of including part of the lake beyond the jetties and had picked up on particular sites for further public consultation. Regarding the parking on Glebe Road, ended up with a permanent loss of 21 parking spaces, but to absorb this loss within the site as a whole.

The next step forward was outlined which is to establish 'some sort' of working group, local input and membership, to work up the details. The make up of this group has yet to be decided. Helen assured the Chamber that they would be included in the 'focus group.' Helen also assured the meeting that there would representation before the removal of the car parking spaces.

Helen was to sort out a link for the Chamber members to use to link with the Report on the LDNPA's website.  
**Secretary's Note:** This has been done!

There then followed a Q&A session with Helen answering a variety of questions.

She was thanked by Simon, on behalf of those present, for her update and hoped that the Chamber would be kept up to date with progress.

## **Police:**

Sgt Bill Nolan introduced himself as the new Community Sergeant for Windermere. He advised that he hoped to attend as many Chamber of Trade meetings as he could, or if unable to attend would supply a written report. He reported on current police activities including the Shop Watch Scheme, Alcohol Awareness Week and Road Safety Week, and also plans to open a drop-in centre for young people. Members had raised concerns about the new cycle lane on New\_Road. He said that if the cycle line lines were a 'hashed line' then they were advisory only. Rule 140 of the Highway Code states:

**Cycle lanes.** These are shown by road markings and signs. You **MUST NOT** drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a **solid white line** during its times of operation. Do not drive or park in a cycle lane marked by a broken white line unless it is unavoidable. You **MUST NOT** park in any cycle lane whilst waiting restrictions apply. Law [RTRA](#) sects 5 & 8.

Sgt. Nolan was thanked for his attendance and wished 'well' in his new post.

## **Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2013 were accepted as being a true record. These were proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Amanda Davies.

## **Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:**

Nothing to report.

## **Correspondence:**

The Secretary read out an email he had received from Deborah Wright (SLDC) regarding the draft back boards for the car parks in the area. These were not as yet ready but once they were the Chamber would have sight of them.

## **Report/comments from the Windermere Town Council Representative:**

Cllr. John Saunders reported on an issue regarding tables and seating was taking up space on the pavements. He pointed out that there was a need to apply for a licence to carry out such an activity.

There had been a presentation at the last council meeting by Cllr Giles Archibald, SLDC Portfolio Holder for Town Centres and Small Businesses, who spoke about his desire to consult and work with the Town Council on issues relevant to Bowness and Windermere, including the proposed development at Ferry Nab and the implementation of the Community Plan. Local support for the continuation of concession to Youth Light Bus project, allowing free parking in Broad Street Car Park on Friday evenings was noted. Information regarding the introduction of a new byelaw to prevent urinating and defecating in public in urban areas, including Windermere and Bowness, had been circulated and was noted. Response already submitted to SLDC re proposed new car park signage was noted. The proposal for annual sponsorship of SLDC litterbins in Windermere and Bowness, including the servicing/emptying of bins and possible provision of new bins had also been discussed, with doubts expressed about whether sponsorship would be forthcoming from local businesses, and also a suggestion that employing a street cleaner may be a preferred option.

Bowness and Windermere Community Care Trust were beginning to 'break-even' and may source new funding.

## **Reports:**

- a. **Membership Secretaries:**  
Nothing to report
- b. **Community Safety Partnership**  
Nothing to report
- c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**  
Amanda Davies gave a quick and concise update
- d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**  
Tony Blaney gave the meeting an update.
- e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**

Barry Butler gave a report outlining United Utilities reason for their discontinuance of Hayeswater Reservoir.

f. **Visitor Information Centers:**

Tony Blaney gave an update report

k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**

Nothing to report.

l. **Cumbria in Bloom:**

Adrian Faulkner reported on:

- The RHS's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Britain in Bloom arrangements
- He would be representing the council and the community at the 2013 RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals Wards Presentation in Cleethorpes.

**Windermere Waterfront Project:**

Barry Butler gave a brief report as did Cllrs. Alan Winrow and John Saunders.

**Business in Adjoining Parishes:**

No report.

**Website Statistics:**

Over 46,000 world wide hits on the website during September 2013.

**A.O.B.**

Tony Blaney reported on a performance of the 'Last Night of the Proms' to be held at St. Martins Church, Bowness.

Barry Butler reported that nobody turned up to the Love Your Lakes event on the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The Secretary reported he had some leaflets from Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency regarding "Free Environmental Support for Business."

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**Dates of Future Meetings:**

**2013**

**Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – AGM & Christmas Get Together**

**2014**

**Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Apl 15<sup>th</sup>**

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**

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