



**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 4th February 2014 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	John Saunders (WTC Rep)
Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Andrew Simon (Windermere Lake Cruises)
David Howarth (Renoirs)	

Guests:

Paul Tuson (Speaker)	Alan Winrow (Mayor WTC)
Caroline Whitaker (Speaker)	

Apologies:

Cllr. Ben Berry (S.L.D.C.)	David Hunt (Badger Press)
Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Richard Rogers (The Old Pump House)
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)	Ian Seddon (HSBC)
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron (MP)	Enid & Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Mike Graham (Hackney-Leigh)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)

Barry Butler, in his capacity as Chair, welcomed the members and guests to the meeting and then went onto introduce Paul Tuson, Independent Financial Planner at Torquil Clark Ltd, who gave a presentation on "Pension Reform – Auto Enrolment." The [presentation slides](#) can be found by clicking on the link. Paul then took a number of questions. He was thanked by the Chair for his attendance.

The Chair then introduced Caroline Whitaker who gave a presentation and answered a number of questions on "BeepExtra", a new concept in loyalty cards. Further information can be obtained from Caroline at cw@carolinewhitaker.co.uk Caroline was thanked for her attendance.

Police:

The Secretary read out a report from PCSO Sarah Blacow. In it, it was reported that the police were holding a surgery at Booths on the 12th February 2014 – hoping to get more shops into the 'Shopwatch' scheme and still waiting to sort out the 'treasure map.'

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7th January 2014 were accepted as being a true record. These were proposed by David Howarth, seconded by Simon Everett.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

Nothing from the floor

Correspondence:

The Secretary informed the meeting of the following:

1. Email from Enid Thompson stating that the 'Welcome to Lakeland' guide is being printed and will be available the first week in March.
2. A letter from Sainsbury's stating a planning application had been submitted to the Lake District National Park for a new foodstore off Lake Road, Ambleside.
3. That the Fairfield Garden Guest House had been awarded 'Venere.com "Top Clean 2013" award.

Report/comments from the Windermere Town Council Representative:

Cllr. John Saunders reported that the proposed bus shelter under the 'Porte Cochere' by Booths had run into difficulties as to who owns the land.

The question of over proliferation of roadside signs within the area and were informed that the Town Council have no say in the matter.

The Secretary informed the meeting that he had been in contact with Cllr. Saunders over an article that appeared in the Westmorland Gazette regarding the threatened closure for the Windermere Car Ferry. The meeting were informed that this matter had been placed on the agenda for discussion by the Council.

Reports:

a. **Membership Secretaries:**

Nothing to report

b. **Community Safety Partnership**

Nothing to report

c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**

David Howarth informed the meeting that the AGM for the group was going to be held on the 27th February 2014.

d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**

Nothing to report

e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**

Nothing to report

f. **Visitor Information Centers:**

Nothing to report

k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**

Nothing to report.

l. **Cumbria in Bloom/Britain in Bloom:**

Adrian Faulkner reported on:

- The RHS's 50th Anniversary of Britain in Bloom arrangements for 2014 and that a number of new 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups had come forward to be entered into this year's assessment.
- He was going to make contact with the schools to encourage them to take part in this year's "School Gardening Competition."

Vacant Positions on the Committee:

The Chair again, made the meeting aware that there were vacancies on the Committee including that of Vice-Chair.

Business in Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

Not available at the time of the meeting.

A.O.B.

The Secretary was requested to contact Cllr. Jim Bland regarding the state of the public roads surfaces within the area. The Secretary commented that he would also contact Nick Raymond of Cumbria Highways.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

- 2014
- Mar 4th
- Apl 15th
- May 6th

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