



**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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

**Members Present:**

Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)  
Amanda Davies (Brambles)  
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)

Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)  
Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon)  
Enid & Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)

**Guests:**

PCSO Sarah Blacow  
Helen Moriarty (Love Your Lakes)

Andrew Smith (Lakeland Fells Furniture)

**Apologies:**

Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield House)  
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)  
Bob Cheetham (Chocolate Crescent)  
Clayton Butchers  
Tim Farron, MP  
Paul Frain (Helen Chocolates)  
Chris & Barbara Gabbott (The Coppice)  
David & Gill Howarth (Renoirs)  
Sue Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)

Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)  
Robin Love (Ambleside PO)  
Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)  
John Richardson (Richard's Butchers)  
Richard Rogers (Old Pump House)  
Penny Seeds (Manuka)  
Adam Slatter (Booths Supermarket)  
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)  
Amanda Took (Mystic Moon)  
Robbie Tullet (La Galerie D'art)

Simon Everett (Chair) welcomed the Cumbria Constabulary and assembled members and guests to the meeting.

It was agreed by those present, that PCSO Sarah Blacow should make her report before the continuation of the agenda in case she had to be called away.

PCSO Blacow reported that:

- there continued to be a drop in reported shop lifting incidents within Bowness and Windermere
- there had been a spate of burglaries in the area
- there had been an increase in foot patrols

The Chamber indicated that they were having trouble in getting a quote from the print company in Ulverston for the "Shop Watch" roundels. Sarah said she would look into the matter.

Sarah was thanked for her report and also for all the work she and the other officers had done on behalf of the business community.

**Nurture Lakeland/Love Your Lakes**

The Chair went on to introduce Helen Moriarty of "Love Your Lakes" who gave a short presentation on the work being undertaken by that organisation. Helen pointed out that Love Your Lakes, which is part of Nurture Lakeland, works in partnership with Windermere Reflections to improve water quality in Lake Windermere and the surrounding catchment lakes. "We're helping local businesses, residents and visitors to take simple steps to reduce the use of phosphate. By reducing the amount of damaging phosphates entering the lakes we can all do our bit to protect the future of one of Lakeland's most beautiful destinations. You can do your bit to reduce the amount of phosphates getting into the lakes by simply choosing phosphate free laundry and dishwashing

products. Always check the labels of your laundry and dishwashing products to ensure they are phosphate free.”

Helen then went on to give a brief resume of the work ‘Nurture Lakeland.’ Nurture Lakeland is a registered charity with seven full time members of staff based at our office in the lively village of Staveley in the heart of the Lake District and Cumbria. They currently have over 275 business members representing more than 1200 tourism businesses and holiday cottage owners across Cumbria, all of whom are committed to protecting this area for now and for the future. Their business members are very generous in their support of conservation in Cumbria. Nurture Lakeland is closely involved in developing policy and strategic planning to enable us to protect and conserve the very special landscapes, culture and heritage of the Lake District National Park and Cumbria.

There then followed a Q&A session after which the Chair, on behalf of those present, thanked Helen for her informative presentation. Nurture Lakeland website is <http://www.nurturelakeland.org/who-we-are/>

#### Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 were accepted as being a true record.

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

There were no matters mentioned

#### Correspondence:

The Secretary reported he had the following correspondence;

- An email received from SLDC regarding their “Annual Review of Constitution – 2013. Anyone with issues that they would wish to raise, then email [committeeservices@southlakeland.gov.uk](mailto:committeeservices@southlakeland.gov.uk) by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- An email regarding SLDC’s new proposals for car parking in the area.

#### Reports:

- a. **Membership Secretaries:**  
Nothing to report from either of them.
- b. **Community Safety Partnership**  
Nothing to report.
- c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**  
Nothing to report.
- d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**  
It was reported that a number events were up and coming:
  - 9 March - Fund raising, Marchesi Centre
  - 14 March - AGM
  - 20 April – Staveley Choir, Lakes School
- e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**  
Nothing to report
- f. **Windermere Waterfront Project:**  
Next meeting is to be in March 2013
- g. **Visitor Information Centers:**  
Nothing to report
- k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**  
Nothing to report.
- l. **Cumbria In Bloom:**  
The Secretary, in his capacity as Treasurer of Cumbria In Bloom updated the meeting on the progress being made by Windermere In Bloom towards their 2013 RHS Britain In Bloom entry. He reported that Jon Wheatley (Co vice-chair of the RHS Judging Panel) would be the keynote speaker at the Community Meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Market:

No update available at the time. The Secretary was asked to contact Cllr. Ben Berry for an update.

Items of interest from the Windermere Town Council minutes:

The secretary read out numerous items of interest:

- The alleged implementation of a “bed tax” by SLDC. .

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

A.O.B.

- Concerns were raised at the number of ‘pot holes’ appearing due to the freezing weather. The Secretary asked those present to let him know of the locations and he would go and photograph and send off to County Highways.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2013**

5<sup>th</sup> Mar – An Officer from the LDNPA - Land Allocation and the Glebe

16<sup>th</sup> Apl

7<sup>th</sup> May

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

DMS. FCMI., CLP.