



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

These minutes were taken by Ruth Thompson to whom the Secretary would like to express grateful thanks.

### Members Present:

Tony Blaney (Fairfield Garden)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)	David Howarth (Renoirs)
Barry Butler (Butler Associates)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon)	

### Guests:

PCSO Georgina Gibb (Cumbria Constabulary)	PC Tracy Dodd (Cumbria Constabulary)
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### Apologies:

Liz Blaney (Fairfield House)	Sue Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Bob Cheetham (Chocolate Crescent)	Robin Love (Ambleside PO)
Clayton Butchers	John Richardson (Richard's Butchers)
Tim Farron, MP	Richard Rogers (Old Pump House)
Paul Frain (Helen Chocolates)	Penny Seeds (Manuka)
Sue Fixter (Pitlochry)	Adam Slatter (Booths Supermarket)
Chris & Barbara Gabbott (The Coppice)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Leith Hallatsch - WTC	Enid Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Gill Howarth (Renoirs)	Amanda Took (Mystic Moon)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services)	Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)
Rob Fowler (Rob Fowler Associates)	Insp. K Spedding (Cumbria Constabulary)
PCSO Sarah Blacow (Cumbria Constabulary)	

At the commencement of the meeting, Simon Everett, Chair, welcome Cumbria Constabulary and assembled members to the meeting.

It was agreed by those that the police should make their report before the continuation of the agenda in case they had to be called away. PCSO Georgina Gibb went on to state that there has been a rise in break ins. Residential, Auto and petty theft has become a problem and that if anyone should notice anything unusual or suspicious to contact the police as soon as possible. The Cumbria Constabulary has asked all members of the communities to keep vigilant. The criminals are thought to be professional and planning in advanced what will be taken and where to target. There was then a brief discussion about the shops and business to continue using the 'snowball' and the Shop Watch posters. Georgina also went on to mention that the 19th of November is National road safety day which all-surrounding schools to participate.

### Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd October 2012 were accepted as being a true record- proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Chris Rushton.

### Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters mentioned

## Correspondence:

The Chair reported he had the following correspondence;

- There had been a letter from SLDC/ Town Council about gritting for the cold weather. Volunteers needed to become 'Snow Champions'
- The Town Council had responded to the 'Economic Survey' that the WBCOT submitted to confirm that they had received said survey.
- Richard Greenwood from Cumbria Tourism also wrote to confirm that he too had received the 'Economic Survey'
- 10 Downing Street wrote confirm that they had received the survey with thanks.
- A Letter had been passed on from Cllr. Ben Berry from an event holder to be the host of a potential Christmas Market. (Rob Butler Historical Promotions and Event Manager)
- A note of thanks was received from The Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group to thank the chamber for the donation

## Reports:

- Police:**  
See above.
- Membership Secretaries:**  
Nothing to report.
- Community Safety Partnership**  
There has been a large influx of businesses that have taken up on the CCTV Shop Watch. Also there had been a community run disco for the local children.
- Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**  
The Chamber was thanked for their donation and it was mentioned that there needs to be a significant amount of fundraising done to ensure that the winter lights will be able to continue in the future.
- Windermere Town Twinning Association:**  
Nothing to report
- Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**  
There will be a meeting the week commencing 12th November 2012
- Windermere Waterfront Project:**  
Barry Butler attended a meeting on the 12 October 2012. Barry told the Chamber about a Bike & Bus scheme, which has been planned to be, put into operation with pick up points at Windermere and Kendal Bus stations.  
  
There is to be a new cycle & footpath from Ferry house to Ambleside along with new Jetty's at Wray Castle and Bank House. Windermere Lake Cruises will be adding a new boat to their fleet to use said Jetty's. The Blue Works free bus service was very popular over the 6-week summer holidays transporting over 7000 people. The service is now considering creating more routes for the next season.
- Tourist Information Centers:**  
Nothing to report.
- Business Maps/Guides for Windermere and Bowness:**  
Ruth Thompson from Welcome Guides spoke of a new technology that has been launched to work with the Chamber on creating a virtual tour/ Advert App. This will be spoken about in detail at the next meeting.
- Windermere Community Action Plan:**  
No report.

I. **Cumbria In Bloom:**

Chair read out about there being cuts within Windermere Town Council so that the funding for entry into Cumbria in bloom may be cut for 2013.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

60,000 hits in the last month

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It was agreed that the new time of 7pm was a favourite as the meeting finished at 8:30pm

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2013**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Feb
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mar
- 16<sup>th</sup> Apl
- 7<sup>th</sup> May

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