



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

### Members Present:

Tony & Liz Blaney – Fairfield Garden Guest House  
Eve Blatchley – Hon Member  
Barry Butler – Butler Thompson Assoc  
Adrian Faulkner – AGF Business Services Ltd  
Simon Everett – Simon Everett Opticians  
Erica Hargreaves-Wood – Erica's

Bill Johnson – Hon Member  
Jonty Mayo - Musgraves  
Cllr. Michael Nicholson - WTC  
Sgt. Ken Jewell – Cumbria Police  
CSOPC Scott Livett – Cumbria Police

### Apologies:

Tony Benton – Lazy Daisy's Restaurant  
Cllr. Ben Berry – SLDC  
Pamela Bissland – Strolling4Shoes  
David Carter – David Carter Chemists  
Clayton Butchers  
Tim Farron, MP  
Sue Fixter – Pitlochry  
Paul Frain – Helen's Chocolates  
Chris & Barbara Gabbott – The Coppice  
David & Gill Howarth – Renoirs

Paul Liddell - Lakelovers  
Robin Love – Ambleside PO  
John Richardson – Richard's Butchers  
Christopher Rishton – Lakes Architects  
Adam Slatter - Booths  
Penny Seeds - Manuka  
Tim Swaine – NatWest Bank  
Sue Tasker – Oakthorpe Hotel  
Penny Seeds - Manuka  
Enid & Ruth Thompson – Welcome Guide  
Amanda Took – Mystic Moon

Simon Everett, as chair, welcomed members and guests.

### Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 were accepted as being a true record.

### Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

Nothing to report

### Correspondence:

The Secretary reported on the following items of correspondence he had received:

1. A "Thank You" letter from the Windermere and Bowness Winter Lights acknowledging the Chamber's contribution to the Winter Lights.
2. 3 emails he had received that day from the Cumbria Constabulary regarding:
  - a. Bogus telephone calls offering to block nuisance calls,
  - b. Scam correspondence, and
  - c. The theft of a vehicle.
3. The 'Love Your Lakes Business Event' event at the Low Wood on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please see the *Local Events* page on the Chambers website for more details.
4. The Windermere – Diessen Twinning Association Newsletter.

### Reports:

#### a. **Police:**

Sgt. Ken Jewell reported and handed out the crime statistics for the Windermere and Bowness area for the period April 2011 to January 2012. These showed a slight increase over the same period last year. This was, however, attributed to a one person "crime wave" who had slashed a number of tyres in a

wanton act of vandalism. He made the point of 'sharing information' would lead to better detection figures.

There is to be a "Business Against Crime" meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at the Beatrix Potter Attraction, Bowness commencing at 9:15am. Any business wishing to attend please just turn up! Sgt. Jewell pointed out that the Police's contact number was now **101** and not the 0845 number. The emergency number still remained 999. Sgt Jewell then answered a number of questions from the members and concluded with the comment that "the area was still a safe place to live, work and play in."

**b. Membership Secretaries:**

In the absence of the Membership Secretary, the Secretary reported that Lakes Accountancy Ltd had become the latest new member of the Chamber of Trade.

**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 Diessen 'Umpaa' band would be visiting the town from the 26<sup>th</sup> May to the 2<sup>nd</sup> June and would be playing around the area. He confirmed the date for the "3 Band Concert" would be the 28<sup>th</sup> May at the Lakes School, Troutbeck Bridge.

**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:**

The Secretary reported that Ruth and Enid would be contacting businesses in the near future for adverts to go onto the 2012 map.

**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 reported that there is to be a public meeting on the 9 February at the Marchesi Centre to launch the community's entry into the *Britain In Bloom 2012 Competition*.

Cllr. Mike Nicholson reported that he had been in contact and was meeting with the rail officials to see what could be done regarding the enhancement of the Windermere Railway Station not only for Britain In Bloom but also for the Olympic Torch and the Queens Diamond Jubilee. He is to report back to the March meeting.

**Business Improvement District (BID's):**

Simon Everett reported that whilst the majority of those who voted where in favour of the BID the required percentage of the rateable value were not met, therefore the BID failed. He said he was bitterly disappointed and that, he believed, it was a missed opportunity. He thanked all those concerned in the running of the BID for all their hard work and input.

**Bus Pick-up Point**

In the absence of Pamela Bissland the Secretary read out an email from her updating the Chamber of the progress being made. It was noted that £1,600 had been put aside from SLDC 2011/2012 funding. One letter from a member of the public had been sent to the Cumbria county Council Highways department asking how the 10 minutes stop would be monitored. Cllr Jo Stephenson had been approached to see if there would be any funding available from the County Council. Pamela is waiting for a reply.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

Nothing to report.

Website Statistics:

Nothing to report.

A.O.B.

Barry Butler mentioned the subject of the Chamber being on Facebook and Twitter. It was suggested that a member of the Chamber should be approached and their offer of looking after Facebook foc be followed up.

Cllr Mike Nicholson reported that 'adequate lighting' was to be installed along Rayrigg Road in the near future.

The Secretary was asked to contact SLDC over the continued use of the Braithwaite Fold Caravan site.

**Note: Since the meeting the Secretary has found out that the site is now managed by The Camping and Caravanning Club and the site will open from the 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012.**

The Secretary was asked to write to SLDC to clarify the situation over 'A' boards as reported in the Westmorland Gazette.

It was reported that the Waste Disposal site in Ambleside was under threat of closure. The Secretary was asked to write to SLDC objecting to this measure.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2012**

Mar 6<sup>th</sup>

Apl 17<sup>th</sup> – **Note change of date!**

May 1<sup>st</sup>

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