



**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 9th September 2014 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	David Howarth (Renoirs)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Bill Johnson (Hon. Member)
Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guide)	

Guests:

Frankie Flannigan (SLDC)	Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)
Jim Maguire (Speaker – SLDC)	Deb Wright (SLDC)
Cllr. Ben Berry (SLDC)	

Apologies:

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)	La Galerie D'art
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)	Ruth Parson (Welcome Guide)
Clayton Butchers	Ian Seddon (HSBC)
Cinderella-Me	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Simon Everett	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron (MP)	Nigel Wilkinson (Windermere Lake Cruises)
Paul Frain (Helens Chocolates)	World of Beatrix Potter Attraction

Barry Butler took the Chair and welcomed members and guests.

Presentation:

Jim Maguire (Community & Leisure Manager, South Lakeland District Council) gave an update on the proposals for Ferry Nab. The 'dogleg' jetty in front of the boathouse has been dispensed with in favour of a 'T' jetty towards the reed beds. There is to be a Management Plan for the bed and they will be fenced off to allow further regeneration. There will be 26 public jetty spaces and 26 'let' berths.

The boathouse itself is to be re-vamped to accommodate better public and lake users male and female wet rooms which will include shower/washing/ toilet facilities together with disable shower/washing/ toilet facilities. The old toilet block is to be revamped in order to let the space for commercial use. These are going forward as 3 separate planning applications over the next couple of months.

Jim took questions and was thanked by the Chair for his informative presentation.

Police:

Nothing to report.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th May 2014 were accepted as being a true record. These were proposed by Barry Butler, seconded by David Howarth.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

The Secretary reported that due to the continued absence from work of PCSO Sarah Blacow the distribution of the 'Shop Watch' folder had been put on hold.

Barry Butler reported that he had had a meeting with Andy Cummings, the Head of the Lakes School, regarding the subject of Apprenticeships within the 6th form. This had proved to be a positive meeting. Further meetings would take place in the future.

Correspondence:

The Secretary read out the following pieces of correspondence:

- An email he had received from a gentleman offering to produce a piece of public art. This was passed onto Cllr. John Saunders for the Town Council to pursue.
- A letter from the Windermere Branch of the British Legion notifying the arrangements of the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday, November 9th. It was agreed to purchase a wreath and that the Secretary would lay it on behalf of the Chamber of Trade.
- The Secretary outlined the progress being made on the 'herb garden' a joining the Quarry Mount car park in Bowness. He asked for approval to acquire a banner to publise the fact that was a partnership between the Chamber and SLDC. The cost of a 1.5m x 500mm banner would be £41.25 +VAT. This was approved. It was also agreed that the Chamber of Trade would undertake the day to day maintenance of the sight once it was completed.

Report/comments from the Windermere Town Council Representative:

Nothing to report.

Reports:

All the reports are now sent in advance of the meeting and can be found at:

<http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/reports.htm>

The Secretary read out extracts from the minutes of the Windermere-Diessen Twinning Association.

Winter Lights:

David Howarth reported that it was 'go' for this year's Winter Lights. This would happen on November 29th. There was a request for 40/50 volunteer marshals to help with the switch on parade.

Officer – 214/15

The Chair reminded members that there would be vacancies for a Chair, Vice Chair and other officers at the next AGM.

Windermere & Bowness Futures Board:

The Secretary read out an email he had received from Brian Harrison (Chair of FSB South Lakes) regarding the potential of setting up a 'Windermere & Bowness Futures Board.' He had contacted SLDC who were sufficiently impressed and would support the idea. The idea was proposed at a recent Windermere Town Council meeting and accepted in principle. The members agreed that an invite should be sent Mr Harrison to attend a future Chamber of Trade meeting. The Kendal Futures Board website can be found at:

<http://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/business-and-trade/townvillageprojects/kendalfutures/kendal-futures-projects/kendal-futures-board/>

Website Statistics:

For the months of July/August there were over 84,000 world-wide hit on the website. This brings the 8 months total to over 361,000.

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A discussion of matters of concern to the area ensued.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

Oct 14th

Nov 11th

Dec 16th – AGM and Christmas “Get Together”

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Jan 6th

Feb 10th – Jon Owen, Windermere/Brathay Marathon Arrangements

Mar 10th - Gail Escolme - Employment Law Update

Apl 21st

May 12th

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