

Promoting the trading and commercial interests of Bowness, Windermere and the immediate area.

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

**Members Present:**

Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)  
Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services)

Enid Goldthorpe (Welcome Guides)

**Guests:**

Cllr. Ben Berry (SLDC)  
Brendan Chapman (Classic Cruises)

Gary Haughton (Brathay Windermere Marathon)  
Jon Owen (Brathay Windermere Marathon)  
Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)

**Apologies:**

PCSO Sarah Blacow  
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)  
Eve Blatchley (Hon. Member)  
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)  
David Carter David Carter Chemists)  
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)  
Clayton Butchers  
Cinderella-Me  
Simon Everett  
Tim Farron (MP)

Lisa Holden (Hapimag)  
David & Gill Howarth (Renoirs)  
Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)  
La Galerie D'art (Jill Crisp & Mr. Tonnet)  
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)  
Ruth Parsons (Welcome Guide)  
Penny Seeds (Manuka)  
Ian Seddon (HSBC)  
Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)  
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)

Enid Goldthorpe took the chair, welcomed those assembled and introduced Jon Owen (Operations Manager, Brathay Trust and Race Director for the Brathay Windermere Marathon) together with Gary Haughton.

Jon went onto outline the work of the Brathay Trust with disadvantaged young people. He pointed out that the Trust was a registered charity and that they engaged with over 6,500 young people over the course of a year. The Marathon is to be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-5pm and is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year. The trust was in negotiation with the police regarding road closures/restrictions around the lake. Once these have been agreed the Chamber of Trade would receive copies. There have been 959 registered runners of which 170+ are domicile in the county.

After a Q&A session, Enid thanked both Jon and Gary for their attendance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were accepted as being a true record. Barry Butler, seconded by Enid Goldthorpe, proposed these as a true record.

**Police:**

Not present. In their absence the Secretary pointed out that he and PCSO Sarah Blacow had been round all the shops in Windermere distributing the folders containing information on the ShopWatch scheme, Bank of England information on counterfeit notes, Cumbria Messaging Service and the Chamber of Trade and membership. The Chamber of the trade had paid for the folders.

**Correspondence:**

The secretary reported:

1. He had been asked to contact the LDNPA regarding the "Windermere Waterfront" project. He had a reply apologising for lack of communication and that a lot of the projects under consideration by the group had been absorbed elsewhere. There are no current plans to reconvene the group, but the LDNPA will be reviewing the case for this in the coming months and should it be reconvened they would value the Chambers participation.
2. Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates) emailed to say that he had ceased trading in Windermere and thanked the Chamber for all the hard work it put into the area.

**Windermere Town Council Representative:**

Cllr John Saunders reported that the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) along with Jerry Graham, Chief Constable (CC) had attended the Council Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The PCC and CC gave some assurance about the need for a police "base" in the Windermere area and the continued focus on utilising technology to prevent crime. They also expressed their personal wish to retain as much of the Cumbria style of policing, with emphasis on visibility and crime prevention, as is possible, within the planning constraints for the future.

Cllr. Saunders requested that the Secretary write to the Windermere Town Council (WTC) adding the Chamber of Trade's support to the Windermere Foreshore issue. He also mentioned that the WTC would shortly be receiving from SLDC a letter asking them to support the Futures consultation.

**Reports:**

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

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

**A.O.B.**

The secretary, in his capacity as 'webmaster' reported that the "Were can I ....?" page for the website was taking longer than expected due to its complexity.

The Secretary was asked to write to SLDC in connection with the closure of the Birthwaite Car Park over the weekends.

The Chamber of Trade website has now a number of links to external sites with information on how parents can monitor their children's web access.

The meeting closed at 8:37pm.