



**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 12th November 2013 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon)
Amanda Davies (Brambles)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	

Guests:

Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)	Simon Roden
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Apologies:

Cllr. Ben Berry (S.L.D.C.)	Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
Tony & Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Richard Rogers (The Old Pump House)
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)	Ian Seddon (HSBC)
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Jill Crisp (La Galerie a'Art)	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron (MP)	Enid Thompson (Welcome Guide)
David & Gill Howarth (Renoirs)	Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)

Simon welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

Police:

No report

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2013 were accepted as being a true record. These were proposed by Barry Butler, Seconded by Amanda Davies.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

The Secretary made the meeting aware that an invite to the "Focus Group" as stated in Helen Houghton's presentation in October 2013 had been received.

Correspondence:

The Secretary made the meeting aware of the following correspondence:

- An email from the Cumbria Chamber of Commerce regarding a seminar at the Kendal College on Marketing Law.
- An email from the MD of Showcase Events Ltd of Hull regarding resurrecting the Windermere Air Festival in 2014. The Secretary reported that he had been in touch with the company and suggested a better date might be 2015 due to the logistics.

Report/comments from the Windermere Town Council Representative:

Cllr. John Saunders reported that the Windermere Town Council had recommended refusal of the proposed development at Ferry Nab. The reasons given were the building and competition. Cllr. Archibald had attended the WTC Meeting and had stated that nothing would go ahead without consultation with the TC. The Secretary was requested to write to the LDNPA in support of the WTC's decision.

Reports:

- a. **Membership Secretaries:**
Nothing to report
- b. **Community Safety Partnership**
Nothing to report
- c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**
Amanda Davies gave a quick and concise update.
- d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**
There is to be a Committee Meeting on the 14th November 2013 at the Burnside Hotel.
An 'Advent Event' is to be held on December 1st from 2pm-4pm at the Marchesi Centre, Windermere.
The 'Blasergruppe' would be over from the 7th June 2014 and would be playing at various locations with the Kendal Concert Band.
- e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**
Barry Butler reported that there is a new date for the Drought Order Permit to cease.
- f. **Visitor Information Centers:**
Nothing to report
- k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**
Nothing to report.
- l. **Cumbria in Bloom/Britain in Bloom:**
Adrian Faulkner reported on:
 - The RHS's 50th Anniversary of Britain in Bloom arrangements for 2014
 - He had represented the council and the community at the 2013 RHS Britain in Bloom UK Finals Wards Presentation in Cleethorpes and that Windermere & Bowness had won a Silver Gilt and also had been nominated, by the judges, in the RHS Tourism Award.

Meeting with Cllr. Archibald:

The Secretary reported on a meeting he had had with Cllr Archibald from the SLDC;

- Pointed out the problems with the information on the current ticketing machine backboards.
- Requested 'free' parking at Quarry Mount Car Park leading up to Christmas. Was told that this may apply to all SLDC car parks.
- Requested the Chamber of Trade be given permission to turn the waste piece of land at Quarry Mount Car Park into a 'communal herb garden' with 'pick and come again' herbs. This would be looked into as a positive.
- Raised a number of parking issues and requested that Quarry Mount revert back to a 6:30pm parking charge. This would be looked into as a positive.
- Looking at possibly having Rayrigg Meadow Car Park as a mobile home park.

Welcome Guide:

The Secretary reminded those present that there were still a couple of advertising spaces left in the guide should anyone wish to take them up. He also thanked all those who had taken space as this was giving the Chamber of high profile throughout the county.

Representative for the LDNPA Working Group:

The Secretary read out an email from Helen Houghton (LDNPA) inviting the Chamber of Trade to send a representative to the working group. It was unanimously agreed that Barry Butler should be the Chambers' representative.

Business in Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Superfast Broadband:

The meeting where reminded to sign the online petition to get Superfast Fibre optic Broadband into the area as we are being left way behind other visitor destinations.

Website Statistics:

Over 36,000 world wide 'hits' on the website during October 2013. This now gives an overall total of over 800,000 'hits.'

Nomination of Officers:

The meeting where reminded that the nomination form for officers and committee members at the December AGM were now online.

A.O.B.

Barry Butler reminded those present that with the demise of another 'local' business and chamber member, to encourage everyone to shop 'local.'

It was suggested that perhaps the Chamber needed a focus for 2014. This would be added to the January 2014 agenda.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

- 2014**
- Jan 7th**
- Feb 4th**
- Mar 4th**
- Apl 15th**
- May 6th**

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