



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 15th April 2014 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)
Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)
Amanda Davies (Brambles Tea Room)

Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)
Christopher Rishton (Lakes Architects Ltd)
Enid Thompson (Welcome Guide)

Guests:

Debbie Ross (Cumbria Constabulary)
Cllr. John Saunders (WTC)

Laura Jackson (Cumbria Constabulary)

Apologies:

Cllr. Ben Berry (S.L.D.C.)
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Associates)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)
Bob Cheetham (Crescent Chocolates)
Clayton Butchers
Tim Farron (MP)

Sue & Peter Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
La Galerie D'art
Ian Seddon (HSBC)
Adam Slater (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)

In the absence of Barry Butler – Chair – Simon Everett took the chair for the duration of the meeting.

Police:

PCSO Debbie Ross introduced herself as the new Community Officer for Bowness, replacing Scott Livet. She will be working alongside Sarah, while her boss is Sgt. Bill Noland.

It was reported that there had been 2 shop lifting offences and 2 passing of counterfeit notes since the last meeting. The police are to be holding "surgeries" for the public to attend in the near future. Also 'high-viz' patrols within the area.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th March 2014 were accepted as being a true record. These were proposed by Christopher Rishton, seconded by Amanda Davies.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

It was commented, by a member, that 'on-street' parking meters, in a responsible manor would be acceptable. NOTE: This is not necessary the view of the Chamber as a whole.

Correspondence:

The Secretary informed the meeting that there was no correspondence.

Report/comments from the Windermere Town Council Representative:
Cllr. John Saunders reported:

- the Windermere Town Council's thanks for all the work being done in getting the potholes repaired.
- The Windermere Town Council had had a presentation from SLDC regarding the new plans for the jetties at Ferry Nab.
- The toilets are likely to show a deficit of £10k in this coming financial period if the grants from South Lakeland District Council are not forthcoming.
- Windermere in Bloom dates:
 - 17th May – WinderClean
 - 25th September – Award Ceremony
- The Millerground Project was going from strength to strength. Please forward you suggestions to Cllr. John Saunders at Saunders2112@aol.com
- The Windermere and Bowness Civic Society are promoting 'Civic Day' on June 26th at Millerground from 2pm-4pm. Contact Diane Fisher at d.m.fisher@btinternet.com for details.

Reports:

- Membership Secretaries:**
Contact was being made with the 'new' businesses in Bowness.
- Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**
Amanda Davies reported the whole committee had stood down and that there was now a need for new volunteers to make sure the 2014 Winter Lights went ahead. There is a proposal that there could be '2 separate switch on's,' one in Bowness and the other in Windermere. There is to be a public meeting on the 12th May at the Lighthouse, Windermere at 6pm. All businesses, organisations, residents are invited to attend.
- Windermere Town Twinning Association:**
The Coffee Morning went well.
The Secretary reported that, in his capacity of Treasurer, he had paid the Chamber's subscription to the Town Twinning Association for the ensuing year. This amounted to £10.
- Visitor Information Centers:**
The Lakes Hospitality Association had signed a new 3 year contract with SLDC.
- Cumbria in Bloom/Britain in Bloom:**
Adrian Faulkner gave a brief up date.

Road Surfaces:

Adrian Faulkner updated the meeting on the lack of progress being made in getting the road gullies cleared. There were 36 blocked gullies on the main road from Bowness to Windermere.

Breakfast Meeting with Tim Farron, MP:

Poorly attended, however the caliber of questions to Tim was of a high and pertinent nature. Tim promised to have these addressed when he return to London.

Website Statistics:

There were over 137.4K 'world wide hits' during the 3 months to March 2014.

A.O.B.

It was reported that BT Infinity was currently only available to residents.

Dates of Future Meetings: T.B.C.

Adrian G Faulkner - Secretary, Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade
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