



**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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

**Members Present:**

Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	David Howarth (Renoirs)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Richard Rogers (The Old Pump House)
Amanda Davies (Brambles)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Ruth & Enid Thompson (Welcome Guide)
Adrian G Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	

**Guests:**

PCSO Sarah Blacow

**Apologies:**

Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	John Richardson (Richard's Butchers)
Bob Cheetham (Chocolate Crescent)	Penny Seeds (Manuka)
Clayton Butchers	Adam Slatter (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Farron, MP	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon)	Cllr Alan Winrow (Mayor of W'mere)
Sue Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)	

Simon Everett (Chair) welcomed the Cumbria Constabulary and assembled members and guests to the meeting.

**Police:**

PCSO Sarah Blacow reported on behalf of the local constabulary:

- There were a number of thefts from business premises over the Easter period.
- Anti-social behaviour was down. The youth 'drop in' session seemed to work. The local supermarkets have been donating refreshments
- A proof for the 'Shop Watch' stickers had been received, circulated and agreed together with the cost. The Chamber of Trade to meet the cost in the first place. It was decided to make a charge of £1.50 per sticker in order to re-coup the cost.

The Secretary asked if anything was known about the volunteer vacancies being advertised by the force. Sarah said she was aware that there were some but not in detail. The Secretary informed the meeting of on countywide vacancy which was that of an "All Watch Assistant."

PCSO Blacow was thanked for her input and attendance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were accepted as being a true record.

**Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:**

There were no matters mentioned

## Correspondence:

The Secretary reported he had the following correspondence;

- Various emails from the Cumbria Chamber of Commerce:
  - International Cardholders – look out for international visitors with credit cards that do not have ‘chip & pin.’ This to look out for
    - Signature strip has not been over-written
    - Look at front of card under UV light; does it have the appropriate mark?
    - Make sure the first four digits of the MasterCard or Visa card number are also printed above or below the embossed numbers
    - Check that the last four digits of the embossed number appear on the receipt
  - Cash incentives for taking on unemployed youth – see Chamber of Trade website under News
- An email from The National Skills Academy (NSA) regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> July “Independents Day.” It was agreed by those present that the Chamber of Trade should once again promote this year’s campaign. The Secretary reported that the NSA had been in touch and were going to give Windermere and Bowness national coverage nearer the time as the area was one of a handful to have been taking part since the inception some 3 years ago. Posters etc were being produced for circulation.
- An email received from the RHS informing of grants available for community based projects from the Skipton Building Society – <http://skiptonbig160.co.uk>.
- An email from Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency (CREA) regarding a survey they are conducting regarding training – [www.surveymonkey.com/s/7G7YDR9](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7G7YDR9)

## Reports:

- a. **Membership Secretaries:**  
Nothing to report
- b. **Community Safety Partnership**  
Nothing to report
- c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**
  - AGM on the 29<sup>th</sup> May at Renoirs at 7:30pm- open to all.
  - The lights will go up this year
  - Looking for volunteer help with all aspects of the Winter Lights
- d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**
  - 43 children plus 3 teachers from Diessen had visited the area.
  - 8 May – a Potters Market (Potfest) being held in Diessen
  - 8 June – Garden Party at the Fairfield Gust House. More details to follow
  - July – 45 children plus 6 staff are visiting Diessen as part of the exchange visit
- e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**  
Nothing to report
- f. **Visitor Information Centers:**  
Nothing to report
- k. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**  
Nothing to report.
- l. **Cumbria In Bloom:**  
The Secretary, in his capacity as Treasurer of Cumbria In Bloom updated the meeting on the progress being made to obtain sustainable funding.  
  
There is to be a change in emphasis regarding the floral street displays. Some of the baskets on the lampposts are to be removed and troughs are to be put onto the railings in strategic areas to give a ‘splash’ of colour. These areas are:
  - The railway forecourt

- The pathway to Orrest Head from the A591
- Baddeley Clock area
- The Promanade, Bowness

Windermere In Bloom is looking for sponsorship of these troughs and information can be obtained from the Secretary.

Windermere Waterfront Project:

Richard Rogers gave the meeting a progress report on the progress made regarding the proposed road closure of the Glebe and loss of free car parking spaces. These proposals had been widely reported on the TV and in the press.

**Members present agreed to commit £100 to a fund, should it be need to help defray any costs incurred in the future.**

Christmas Market:

The Secretary updated the meeting on a telephone conversation he had had with the Chair of the Town Twinning Association, Mrs Jenny Borer. Whilst both were still in favour of the market it was impossible to start any organising until numbers of stallholders from Diessen had been established. It was agreed that as a delegation from Diessen where coming to Windermere in the near future, Jenny would ascertain numbers.

Items of interest from the Windermere Town Council minutes:

The Secretary reported:

- Plans had been submitted by the Windermere Steam Boat Museum for the development of the site.
- An independent consultant had addressed the Council on the proposals for the re-development of Ferry Nab. The planning application is like to be submitted within the next 6 to 8 weeks. If these are passed, attempt for some of the proposals to be completed by April 2014, the car park by winter 2014. It is a 3 year project from start to finish.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

Over 75,000 world wide hits on the site during March 2013.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2013**

7<sup>th</sup> May

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