



**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 22nd January 2013 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 7pm.

Members Present:

Tony Blaney (Fairfield Garden)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)
Sue Bloy (Lakes Accountancy)
Barry Butler (Butler Associates)
Amanda Davies (Brambles)

Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services)
Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's Hair Salon)
David Howarth (Renoirs)
Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects)
Ruth & Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guide)

Guests:

Insp. Kevin Spedding (Cumbria Constabulary)
Kay Forsqardh (Huttons Chocolates)
Oliver Rayner (Cumbria Crystal)
Leith Hallatsch - WTC

Cllr. Ben Berry
Marion Kenyon (Triarom)
Alan Winrow (Mayor – WTC)

Apologies:

Liz Blaney (Fairfield House)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)
Bob Cheetham (Chocolate Crescent)
Clayton Butchers
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)
Tim Farron, MP
Paul Frain (Helen Chocolates)
Sue Fixter (Pitlochry)
Chris & Barbara Gabbott (The Coppice)
Gill Howarth (Renoirs)

Sue Jackson (Heart of the Lakes)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Robin Love (Ambleside PO)
John Richardson (Richard's Butchers)
Richard Rogers (Old Pump House)
Penny Seeds (Manuka)
Adam Slatter (Booths Supermarket)
Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Amanda Took (Mystic Moon)

In the absence of Simon Everett (Chair), Barry Butler (Vice Chair) took the chair and welcomed the Cumbria Constabulary and assembled members and guests to the meeting.

Barry Butler presented certificates and cheques to the winners of the Christmas Window competition:
Bowness – Huttons of the Lake District
Windermere - Triarom

It was agreed by those present, that Inspector Spedding should make his report before the continuation of the agenda in case he had to be called away.

Insp Spedding reported that:

- there had been a drop in reported shop lifting incidents within Bowness and Windermere
- burglaries down
- there had been an increase in foot patrols
- 28 cases of anti-social behaviour

The Chamber indicated that they were prepaid to take on the printing of the "Shop Watch" roundels similar to those being used in Ulverston. It is envisaged to ask the shop-keepers of a contribution towards the cost and Insp Spedding reported that there was a possibility of a contribution from the police towards the cost.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November 2012 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;

- an update from Polly Rourke regarding the progress being made by UU on the Glebe
- Cumbria Trading Standards warning on the purchase of second-hand/part worn tyres
- Cumbria Trading Standards advice on knowing your rights when shopping on-line
- The Communities sub group of Cumbria Local Resilience Forum "Emergency Plan for Communities." It was pointed out that the Windermere Town Council already has a plan in place.

Reports:

a. **Membership Secretaries:**

The Secretary reported that 5 members had not paid their current membership despite numerous reminders and therefore would be removed from the membership. This was agreed by those present.

b. **Community Safety Partnership**

Nothing to report as the new representative had yet to attend a meeting. The next meeting is to be held in February.

c. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**

David Howarth gave an in-depth report on the progress and future of the Winter Lights Group. There was a long discussion about this with input from the Mayor. The major points of concern were the lack of funding and commitment from all the local businesses. It was pointed out that if increased funding was not obtained then the continuance of the lights would have to be looked into.

d. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**

Tony Blaney reported on numerous events that were up and coming:

- 9 March - Fund raising, Marchesi Centre
- 14 March - AGM
- 20 April – Staveley Choir, Lakes School

He went on to point out that there was now a "Windemerestrasse" in Diessen.

e. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**

Nothing to report

f. **Windermere Waterfront Project:**

Nothing to report

g. **Tourist Information Centers:**

Tony Blaney reported that there had been a subtle name change to "Visitor Information Centre (VIC)." He also reported on a *FREE* training scheme being operated by a company called "Lifetime Training" for the hospitality sector. Their contact details are:

Email: chris.lister@lifetimetraining.co.uk

h. **Business Guide for Windermere and Bowness:**

The Secretary reported that he was still looking for 7 adverts to go into the Welcome Guide and that he hoped that this would be achieved very shortly

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 by Windermere In Bloom towards their 2013 RHS Britain In Bloom entry. He also pointed out that the RHS were launching "Edible Britain" in April and that free seed packs were available to register "in bloom" groups. Tony Blaney. In his capacity as chair of the LHA reported that he would see what could be done to improve the Visitor Information Centre. The secretary

also gave a 'heads up' on the relevant dates for the 2013 Britain In Bloom competition and was asked to contact the LHA with these dates.

Shop Watch:

As reported by the police – see above.

Christmas Market:

Cllr. Ben Berry reported on the progress being made and highlighted the reduction in the cost, made by SLDC for the potential "road closure" from £1,500 to £150 + VAT. Numerous suggestions were made as to the location of the market and Cllr. Berry would investigate, with the help of SLDC, suitable sites. It was agreed that the Secretary should be the chambers representative on the small working committee being set up by Cllr. Berry.

Items of interest from the Windermere Town Council minutes:

The secretary read out numerous items of interest:

- Steve Ratcliffe's address to the meeting regarding the development and progress being made by the LDNPA and partners of the Glebe.
- The WTC's response to a letter received from a member of the public concerning the Winter Lights.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

A.O.B.

Cllr. Ben Berry brought to the attention of the meeting the proposed new parking regulations to be implemented by SLDC. These being:

- The removal of the £1 'overnight parking fee'
- And the introduction of an extension to the evening parking times from 6pm to 8pm. This would effectively increase parking charges and may have a detrimental effect on businesses such as restaurants, the cinema and the Old Laundry Theatre.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2013

- 5th Mar – Helen Moriarty, Sustainable Tourism Advisor, Love Your Lakes
- 16th Apl
- 7th May

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