



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

### Members Present:

Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Paul Frain (Helen's Chocolates)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Erica Hargreaves-Wood (Erica's)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc.)	David & Gillian Howarth (Renoirs)
David & Tracy Cooke (Aqua Design)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Jonty Mayo (Musgraves)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Paula & Graham Smith (Lingmoor Guest House)

### Guest(s)

Gail Escolme (Hayton Winkley)

### Apologies:

Thomas Banks (Banks Jewellers)	PCSO Scott Livett
Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Richard & Dyan Rogers (The Old Pump House)
David Carter (David Carter Chemists)	Penny Seeds (Manuka)
Clayton Butchers	Tim Swaine (NatWest Bank)
Tim Farron MP	Richard Sykes (Booths Supermarket)
Sue Fixter (Pitlochry)	Enid & Ruth Thompson (Welcome Guides)
Chris Gabbott (The Coppice)	Amanda Took (Mystic Moon)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)	

Simon Everett, Chair, welcomed the assembled members and introduced Gail Escolme from Hayton Winkley Solicitors who gave a presentation entitled "Employment Law Update 2011. The areas covered where:

- The demise of the default retirement age
- The Equality Act
- Equal treatment of Agency Workers
- Additional Paternity Leave
- Pensions
- Bribery Act
- National Minimum Wage

Gail then took a number of questions from members.

The handout of this presentation may be found at [www.wbcoft.org.uk/EmploymentLawUpdates.htm](http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/EmploymentLawUpdates.htm)

Simon thanked Gail, on behalf of those assembled, for her very informative presentation.

### Minutes:

Jonty Mayo requested that he be included in the list of "Apologies". The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 were then accepted as being a true record.

### Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

### Correspondence:

The Secretary read out an email he had received from the Cumbria Chamber of Commerce regarding an event for the first Chamber Chapter motorbike rally which is to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Reports:

- a. **Police**  
No report.
- b. **Membership Secretaries:**  
No report.
- c. **Community Safety Partnership**  
No report.
- d. **Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group:**  
No report.
- e. **Windermere Town Twinning Association:**  
It was reported that there would be a Garden Party at the Fairfield House in aid of the association funds.
- f. **Windermere Catchment Restoration Programme:**  
No report.
- g. **Windermere Waterfront Project:**  
No report.
- h. **Windermere Air Festival/Glebe Trading:**  
No report.
- i. **Tourist Information Centers:**  
No report.
- j. **United Utilities Storage Tank – The Glebe:**  
No response from United Utilities – again! The Secretary reported that he was still waiting for a reply from the Town Council.
- k. **Business Maps/Guides for Windermere and Bowness:**  
It was reported that these had been distributed and that the Secretary had secured a quantity of holders which would be offered *free of charge* to members. There would be a small charge for none-members.
- l. **Local Development Framework:**  
No report.
- m. **Windermere Community Action Plan:**  
No report.
- n. **Cumbria In Bloom:**  
Adrian Faulkner, in his capacity as a Management Committee Member of Cumbria In Bloom informed the meeting that, the name of this committee had changed in order not to give the impression that its members were paid, also that the Cumbria In Bloom judging would be in July. He informed the meeting that the Town Council’s Windermere In Bloom competition would be judged in August.

Business Improvement District (BID’s):

It was reported that Dave Cooke – Aqua Design – had been co-opted onto the Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade BID Steering Group in the capacity of ‘media officer’ with responsibility of designing the first of the leaflets which would be sent to all none-domestic rate payers with a rateable value of over £3,000 within the LA23 post code area. David gave a short presentation of the BID logo and the members agreed on the most suitable. He also suggested the setting up of a ‘Social Media’ site. This was agreed to.

Business In Adjoining Parishes:

No report.

Website Statistics:

The Secretary, in his capacity of webmaster of the Chambers website, informed the meeting that for the month ending April 2011 there had been nearly 60,000 world wide “hits” on the website. This brought the quarterly total to over 210,000. He also gave a brief breakdown of where the ‘hits’ had originated from.

A.O.B.

Nothing to report

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2011**

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>

Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – AGM & Christmas “Get-together”

**2012**

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

Mar 6<sup>th</sup>

Apl 10<sup>th</sup>

May 1<sup>st</sup>

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