



## Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

### Present:

Barry Butler – Chair (Butler Thompson)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Bill Smith (SLDT)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services)	Richard Sykes (Booths Supermarket)
Rebecca Frain (Helen's Chocolates)	

### Apologies:

Liz & Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Dave & Gill Howarth (Renoirs)
Dave Cooke (Aqua Graphics)	Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Steve Marston (The Cook House)
Tim Farron, MP	Chris Rishton (Lakes Architects)
Chris Gabbott (The Coppice)	Mike & Gilly Roberts (Millbeck)
Jo Harris (Windermere Wine Store)	Penny Seeds (Manuka)

### Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled members.

### Minutes:

With the addition of Susan Fixter as being present, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 were accepted as being a true record.

### Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

Bill Smith reported that because of the Civic Society applying for Town Green status for the Glebe, there was a possibility that work on the Storm Tank maybe delayed until 2010.

### Correspondence:

The Secretary read out to assembled members the following correspondence:

1. An email he had received from Rodger Woodroffe regarding membership to the *Cumbria Green Business Forum*. The Secretary pointed out that once an invoice had been received it would be paid.
2. A letter and documentation had been received regarding the North West Plan Partial Review. The Secretary pointed out only a small part affected this area and that the consultation period ended on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Barry Butler took the documentation in order to dissect the information.
3. A letter from the Windermere Town Council had been received confirming that Councillor Leith Hallatsch was to be their representative.
4. A letter from the Windermere Town Council, Windermere In Bloom Committee had been received asking for a representative of the Chamber of Trade to attend the Windermere In Bloom Presentation evening. The Secretary offered to attend. This was accepted by those present.

### Reports:

1. **Police**  
No report received.
2. **Business Improvement District (BID) – Steve Marston**  
In the absence of Steve Marston, the Secretary read out an email he had received from Jo Harris. “*The BIDs meeting which was due to take place last week was cancelled – Paul H was off work due to*”

sickness. Dr. Lane (a Pro Help project advisor/representative), has been appointed to the Windermere & Bowness BID project by Pro Help following a successful application to them (by Paul) to advise on how to take the BID forward. Once the meeting has taken place, I will write a report and send you a copy. There is nothing more to say until this meeting takes place. If anyone has any questions, please e-mail me. Jo. As a follow up to this e-mail, it was reported that a student from Lancaster University would be sought to help out as part of their final degree dissertation.

### 3. Membership Secretaries

Nothing to report.

### Outsourcing of Booths Car Park

Richard Sykes reported on the usage of the Car Park and stating that they were only enforcing what has been in place for 25 years. It was pointed out that the 2 hours parking time was too short if Booths wanted shoppers to purchase their groceries etc and use the café facilities. After considerable discussion on the concerns over parking penalties etc, Richard stated that he would convey the Chambers concerns back to management.

Note from the Secretary: Since the above the Secretary had received the following from Richard:

Adrian,

Thank you for the feedback I received at the meeting on Tuesday regarding car parking restrictions at Booths in Windermere. As promised, following on from the discussions at the meeting I have mentioned the suggestion of increasing the parking limit to 3 hours to the Directors. The current parking restrictions will be reviewed after 12 months by members of the Board and a decision will be made at that point.

If I can be of any further assistance to the Chamber in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards, Richard, Richard Sykes, General Manager, Booths Windermere. Tele: 015394 46114.

### Windermere Waterfront Project

The Secretary reported that he had received an e-mail from Ben Long (Planner, LDNPA) stating that 'issues where creating problems and that there would be a delay in publishing the 5 preferred projects.'

### Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group

The Secretary read out a letter from the above requesting a grant of £1,000 towards this years lights. He was asked how much the Chamber contributed in 2008. He confirmed the amount of £600. After a short discussion with regards to situation with Bowness, Barry proposed, and Eve seconded the amount of £600. This was agreed to by those present. The Secretary said he would send the cheque with an accompanying letter towards the end of October.

### Windermere Family Air Show

The Chair would like to know what effect this had had on local businesses! It was pointed out that the Fair had an impact of evening trade and that the time spent on the Glebe was too long. The Rotary Club of Windermere had commissioned an 'Impact Survey' during the course of the weekend and the results were due out in the very near future.

### AOB:

- Barry made members aware of the introduction of the 'high speed' train and its economic impact on the local business community and requested that members make suitable representations to the Lakes Line Community Rail Partnership. Their website address is <http://www.lakesline.co.uk>
- The Secretary reported on an interview he had had with Carissa Lough of the LDNPA regarding the retail situation in both communities. This was on the back of a headline in the previous weeks Westmorland Gazette.
- Eve Blatchley reported that 4 families from Diessen had attended the Grasmere Sports. Two of the group had done particularly well. The Secretary reported that he had met with Hans-Peter Sander (Diessen Chamber of Trade) and passed on Hans-Peter's best wishes to this Chamber. The Secretary reciprocated and asked that they maybe also passed onto the Diessen Chamber of Trade. The Secretary also reported that the Diessen Chamber of Trade maybe looking to have another Christmas Market in 2010 and could we look into the possibility.

- Bill Smith, in his capacity as Mayor of Windermere, reported on the Hindu procession and ceremony on the Glebe.
- The Secretary, in his capacity as Webmaster, reported that between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup> there had been 243,211 world wide 'hits' on the Chambers website. He pointed out that a number of them were coming from some very unusual sources; China, Alaska, South Africa as well as the usual European countries.

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Dates of Future Meetings:

**2009**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Gail Escolme, update on the latest Employment Law which comes into affect at the end of October.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – AGF & Christmas 'Get-together.'

**2010**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar
- 6<sup>th</sup> Apl
- 4<sup>th</sup> May

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