

## **WINDERMERE & BOWNESS CHAMBER OF TRADE**

The minutes of a general meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 at The Burneside Hotel, Bowness on Windermere, commencing at 6.30pm.

### **Present**

Eve Blatchley Honorary Member; Barry Butler of Butler Thompson Associates; Naomi Darbishire of McClure's Ltd; Joanne Harris of Windermere Wines; Bill & Chris Johnson of Past and Present; Bill Smith of South Lakes Development Trust.

### **Apologies**

Adrian Faulkner of AGF Business Services Ltd; Chris Simpson of Windermere Garage; Robbie Tony of Gallery d'Art; Tony and Liz Blaney Fairfield Hotel; Paul Holdsworth Town Centre Manager; Tim Farron MP; Jonty Mayo of Musgraves and Adrian North of Edge of the World.

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007 were accepted as being a true record.

### **Matters Arising not covered by the agenda**

Street entertainer sponsorship – Adrian has sent a letter to Michaela Markland regarding the WOW and street entertainers saying that the Chamber would not be sponsoring a street entertainer as members felt that money could be spent better on other things. Also there was a discussion on the logo, but as Adam Thorpe was not at the meeting it was decided to hold this over until the next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

Barry had received an email from Paul Holdsworth regarding a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at 6pm at the Marchesi Centre regarding the Crescent Road improvements.

Barry had received a letter from Shirley Taylor, Secretary for the Diessen Twinning Association regarding future events. 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> April Diessen Lions, visit to Windermere, staying at The Hydro Hotel. Tickets for a dinner dance at The Hydro on the 28<sup>th</sup> April would be available from Ken Jones, price £15. All are welcome.

April 29<sup>th</sup> – new lion rose to be planted in the garden by Diessen signpost at Baddley Clock.

6<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May Frauenbund Visit Windermere. They will be staying at the YHA Ambleside.

6<sup>th</sup> June – Garden Party at The Fairfield at 2 pm.

The week of the 24<sup>th</sup> September visit to Diessen with the footballers having a return match.

10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 Diessen 10 year celebration.

### **Reports**

WOW Barry Butler

Meeting of WOW raised some money from various fundings as well as sponsors by local business for street artists.

Hotels and Guest Houses have offered accommodation for the artists etc. There is some concern that there are no events for the early evening prior to the main event at 9.30 on the Saturday. There are street artists appearing in Windermere, Bowness and Ambleside on Saturday and Sunday. There is a range of events based on water sports taking place over the weekend. There is the sailing regatta over the three days as well.

South Lakeland Development Trust Bill Johnson reports new Town Centre Manager, Paul Holdsworth, has taken up his position having been previously with the charity Living Streets.

Membership Secretaries - Joanne and Naomi. New membership form is to be ready soon. Waiting for the flyers from Adam Thorpe.

Ellerthwaite Square enhancement scheme Joanne Harris. The scheme is progressing. There is no parking shown on the plans but it is understood that parking will be provided. This is to work in conjunction with the Windermere Library enhancement plan, which will include water features and a taxi rank.

Bill Smith reported that Paul Holdsworth was not available to attend as he is very busy organising many projects in Windermere and Ambleside. He has taken over at a very busy time.

At the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> April at the Marchesi Centre regarding the Crescent Road scheme, Paul will discuss the changes which are proposed. Bill Smith says funding is now 1.4 million. There is no funding as yet for the Town Centre Manager from March 2008.

The AGM of South Lakeland Development Trust is to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> May at approximately 3.30 pm at the Marchesi Centre, but this is to be confirmed. All are invited.

The South Lakeland Development Trust is involved in future Waterhead and Bowness Scheme also at Brockhole where it is to be updated with the National Park Authority's help.

SLDT needs more publicity in order to develop more business and so attract more funds for projects as it is an ongoing programme. Funding for business consultancy for small retail business is available.

The Orrest Head Scheme seems to have fallen through for now. National Trust do want to relinquish land but need to be able to prove that there is a need for parking in Windermere. Small pots of money are available for small projects ie Children's play areas. Bill Smith is to look into different ways for members and non members to communicate on local matters, probably by the internet.

A Breakfast meeting is to be arranged to promote Bill's ideas of helping small businesses on a consultancy basis. It was also suggested that Tim Farron should also be approached to attend the meeting as well.

**Date of future meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007