

Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a meeting held on the 3rd July 2006 at the Offices of the South Lakes Development Trust Windermere Business Centre, Oldfield Court, Windermere commencing at 7pm.

Present:

B Butler	A Faulkner (Sec'ty)	B Smith
N Chazaud	C & B Johnson	N Wilkinson
S Everett	G Micklethwaite	M Markland

Apologies:

E Blatchley	D Howarth	P Seeds
L Chamberlain	H & J Rimmer	C Scott
T Farron MP		

Election of 'Acting Chair' for the meeting:

It was agreed by those present that B Butler should chair the meeting.

Insight into the facilities at the South Lakes Development Trust – Bill Smith

Bill started the meeting off by asking if anybody would like a conducted tour of the premises. He then went onto outline what the centre has to offer, these included:

- Office Services,
- Bookkeeping & accounting support,
- Meeting/training facilities including a TOUCHSCREEN whiteboard and projection facilities,
- Telephone answering service,
- Accommodation address,
- E-mail contact address
- Incubator workshops.

There had been a number of enquiries for the incubator workshops.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting's held on the 3rd April 2006 where accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters arising.

Correspondence:

The Secretary notified the meeting of the following:

1. A summary of the Windermere Community Plan,
2. A letter from Mr & Mrs Parson of Beresford Road notifying the outcome of their questionnaire regarding the parking restrictions on Craig walk,
3. 2 letters from 2 separate business in Windermere over their concerns that the Windermere Town Council had proposed the erection of bollards on Crescent Road. The Secretary also read out a letter from the Town Council which had attached to it a copy of a letter they had received from the County Highways Department stating that it did not think the proposals could not be progressed at this moment in time.
4. A letter from Cumbria County Council regarding consultation on their 'Issues and Options discussion Paper'.
5. An email from a member outlining their concern over the lack of publicity for the WoW weekend. This was one of many that the Secretary had received.

On the subject of WoW, Barry Butler announced that the winner of the 'Under 18's Yacht Race' was Gavin Tullet. The trophy donated by the Chamber would be sent for inscribing.

Website:

The Secretary reported the Chambers' website was continually being updated with items of business and local interest. He reported that there was now a page dedicated to the Windermere Town Council.

The number of 'hits' had been steadily increasing with over 450 during the month of June.

AOB:

It was reported that there was a 'Small Grants Scheme' for upgrading shop fronts. It was to be match funding with a maximum grant of £2,000. It was agreed that this should be put onto the website and members notified.

Dates of Future Meetings:

2006

11th September - **7pm**

2nd October – **6pm**

6th November – **AGM @ 6pm**

4th December - provisional