



Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a General Members Meeting held on the 6th October 2009 at the Burnside Hotel, Kendal Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6:30pm.

Present:

Tony Benton (Lazy Daisys)	Robert Fowler (Robert Fowler Assoc)
Liz Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Leith Hallatsch (WTC)
Barry Butler (Butler Thompson Assoc)	Gillian & David Howarth (Renoirs)
Simon Everett (Simon Everett Opticians)	Bill Johnson (Hon Member)
Adrian Faulkner (AGF Business Services Ltd)	Christopher Rushton (Lakes Architects Ltd)
Eve Blatchley (Hon Member)	Gail Escolme (Hayton Winkley)

Guests:

Peter Briggs (Hayton Winkley)	Rona Murdoch (AJ Morgan Assoc)
PCSO Scott Livett	Polly Sullivan (Lucy's)
Alistair Morgan (AJ Morgan Assoc)	Keith Wood (Hayton Winkley)

Apologies:

Tony Blaney (Fairfield Guest House)	Steve Marston (The Cook House)
Claytons Butchers	Mike Roberts (Millbeck)
Tim Farron MP	Dyan & Richard Rogers (The Old Pump House)
Paul Liddell (Lakelovers)	Bill Smith (SLDT)
	Penny Seeds (Manuka)

Opening Remarks:

Barry Butler (Chair) welcomed the assembled members and guests and introduced Gail Escolme from Hayton Winkley.

Employment Law – the ever increasing minefield

Gail gave a very informative and interesting presentation and covered the following topics:

- ACAS Code of Practice
- Maternity & Paternity
- Contracts of Employment – make them work for you
- Lay Off and Short Time working
- Pensions
- ISA – new rules when employing young people or vulnerable adults
- Round up on case law.

At the end of the presentation, Gail took a Q&A session with a number of members and guests asking pertinent questions. Gail was thanked by Barry Butler for her attendance and the answers given.

Secretary's Note: A copy of Gail's presentation can be found on the Chambers website <http://www.wbcoft.org.uk/EmploymentLawUpdates.htm#top>

Minutes:

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st September 2009 were accepted as being a true record.

Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda:

There were no matters under this heading.

Correspondence:

The Secretary read out to assembled members the following correspondence:

1. An email from a member expressing concern over another Charity Shop opening in the area at the expense of a large retail outlet premise.

Reports:

1. **Police**
No report received.
2. **Membership Secretaries**
Nothing to report.

Windermere Waterfront Project

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

The Glebe

The Secretary reported that he had attended a meeting of the Windermere Lake User Forum as an interested member of the public. He went onto report that he had received an email from United Utilities which was at odds as to what had been said at the meeting with regards to the Windermere & Bowness Civic Society's application for 'Village Green' status of the Glebe and the work to be carried out on the Sewage Tank.

AOB:

- The Secretary asked those assembled to agree to the purchase of a wreath on behalf of the Chamber of Trade to be laid at the War Memorial on Sunday 8th November. The amount would be £30 to include a donation to the "Poppy Appeal." This was agreed to and the Secretary offered to attend the service on behalf of the Chamber.
- The Secretary handed out to the meeting a number of 'mockups' of suggested 'Certificates of Membership' for discussion. It was decided that while the certificates had great visual impact they were likely to be put to one side and not displayed as intended. It was suggested that the Secretary investigate the possibility of the Chamber obtaining a quote for 'window stickers.'
- The Secretary, in his capacity as Webmaster, reported that for the month of September there had been 54,600 world wide 'hits' on the Chambers website. He pointed out that a number of them were coming from some very unusual sources; Ghana, Ivory Coast, Uganda, China, Vietnam, Yukon Territory as well as the usual European countries. He also reported that the most used Search Engine was "Google" and the most used *Entry Page* was the home page. The most popular day for visiting the website was a Tuesday!
- David Howarth gave a report on behalf of the Windermere & Bowness Winter Lights Group and stated that 13 sections of lights were to be repaired and 3 new sections were to be installed in Bowness. In Windermere, 15 sections of lights were to be repaired and maintained together with the installation of lights in the Library Tree. These intensions are subject to funds being available. Donations can be handed in or sent to:
Butterworth's Deli, Bowness
Claytons Butchers, Windermere
- The Secretary was asked if it was possible to send the Agenda as part of the email rather than a link to the website. This he agreed to,

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Dates of Future Meetings:

2009

- 3rd Nov – Adam Thomas: The Future of Brockhole
- 15th Dec – AGF & Christmas 'Get-together.'

2010

- 5th Jan
- 2nd Feb
- 2nd Mar
- 6th Apl
- 4th May

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