

Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a meeting held on the 9th October 2006 at the Burnside Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere, commencing at 6pm.

Present:

B Butler	C & B Johnson
S Everett	P Seeds
A Faulkner (Sec'ty)	

Apologies:

L Chamberlain	D Howarth	H & J Rimmer
T Farron MP	P Liddell	C Scott
R Freeman	A North	

Election of 'Acting Chair' for the meeting:

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

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting's held on the 11th September 2006 were 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 correspondence:

- A letter from the Lake district National Park concerning the 'Local Development Framework',
- An email from Adrian North (Member) concerning the winter Lights Project.
- An email from Nick Raymond (Cumbria Highways) regarding the Traffic Management Plan for Windermere.

WOW

A copy of the plan for 2007's WOW festival was circulated to those present. This covered all aspects of the planning, events, media coverage, advertising etc broken down into monthly sections. It was felt that the Chamber should keep a 'watching brief' until invited to be more involved. It was reported by the Chambers' representatives that £15k had already been secured for funding the event and that there would be better use made of the railway and steam train.

Winter Lights

An 'update' paper was circulated to those present which outlined the '*raison d'être*' of the Winter Lights scheme. The document went on to highlight the planned improvements, progress to date and the future. Funding had been obtained from the private sector along with a grant from the Windermere Town Council. A grant application had been sent to the Neighbourhood Forum. The chestnut tree at the bottom of Craig Brow was going to be re-instated with lights and from Biskey How Road down to the Royalty Cinema would have light traces across the road.

The lights would be switched on, on the 18th November 2006 with a 'Santa Special' from Staveley to Windermere planned to coincide with the switch on.

Mr A North's email (see above) was discussed and it was left for the Secretary to reply.

Car Parks

Following on from the Secretary's letter to the Westmorland Gazette concerning the charges made by SLDC on local car parks, those present concurred with his comments but felt that there would be very little done to alleviate the problem.

Bowness & Windermere 25 year Management Plan

It was reported that the Windermere Town Council and Nick Raymond were going ahead with their own scheme.

It was suggested that the Chamber did not comment at the present until more precise details of the schemes were to hand.

South Lakes Development Trust

Bill Johnson reported on the Annual General Meeting he attended on behalf of the Chamber of Trade. He stated that the accounts had been presented and budgets for the forthcoming year were in place. He also stated that there was one person occupying one of the incubator units at the Oakfield road site.

Dates of Future Meetings:

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8th January 2007