

Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade

The minutes of a Members general meeting held on the 11th September 2007 at The Burnside Hotel, Bowness on Windermere, commencing at 6.30pm.

Present

Barry Butler	Butler Thompson Associates
Bill Johnson	Formerly of Past and Present
Joanne Harris	Windermere Wines
Penny Seeds	Manuka
Dean Harty	Internet Café
Joanne Fennet	Internet Café
Debbie Hampsey	Monties
Mike Nicholson	Seafarers

Apologies

Naomi Darbishire	McClures Ltd
David Howarth	Renoirs
Christine Johnson	Formerly of Past and Present
Adrian Faulkner	AGF Business Services Ltd
Simon Everett	Simon Everett Opticians
Tim Farron MP	
Adam Thorpe	Thorpe Ltd

Opening Remarks

Barry Butler welcomed all those present and introduced the new attendees.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st May 2007 were accepted as being a true record after the following amendments.

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Matters Arising not covered by the agenda

1. The parish council representative is Councillor Joan Stocker
2. Parking Needs Survey. It is understood that this is out to tender

Correspondence

No correspondence other than that which is on the web site

Reports

The secretary attended on behalf of the Chamber, The Windermere in Bloom presentation evening on Tuesday 4th September and presented the Chamber's trophy.

Tesco have donated a trophy for the Windermere in Bloom. No one was present to present it.

The Chamber's trophy is in need of cleaning and this should be carried out next year.

Adrian has been in touch with the Lake District National Park Authority regarding the poster on The Old England and the banner outside Tiro's. Both have been looked into and the outcome should be known in the near future.

South Lakeland Development Trust – no report from Bill Johnson

Membership Secretaries – Joanne and Naomi need to get out and about now that the busy summer is over and that the flyers are now available.

Winter Lights – Penny Seed reported that Liz Spinks has resigned from the committee and there is an opening for someone to take on an active roll in the Bowness area.

Penny and Sharon are Bowness representatives. Windermere is ticking over nicely with a switch on and fire finale on the recreational green.

Bowness funds available are £890 to cover insurance, bulb replacement and siting of strings, but any new lights now and in the future will require a work party and fund raising.

Beaumont Electrical will be paid this year for the work putting up the lights.

A letter is to go out to all traders regarding the Christmas trees (and lights) individuals to pay for what they want.

There is a meeting on Monday 17th September at Mariners – all are welcome. There will be an amendment to the constitution as Windermere and Bowness are covered by the same insurance and maintenance. The amendment will be to cover Bowness fund raising for the future lights.

Penny is to advise Adrian were the brackets, lights etc can be obtained and who will put them up. Penny also to send a flyer to Adrian regarding the meeting on the 17th.

Traffic Scheme

Work will start here the 1st November. Speed ramps are neither in the proposed scheme nor the 20 mile an hour speed limit.

Pavements will be widened where possible.

Due to the public stance on this the A591 junction has been altered together with the original proposals for Crescent Road.

Money saved on these projects can not be spent on improving Main Road. Therefore a new scheme will need to be carried out for Main Road, High Street and Victoria Street.

Adrian to be asked to write to Richard Greenwood regarding this in order to get those streets in the same condition as Crescent Road as soon as possible after the completion of Crescent Road.

Any Other Business.

The Fair and Air Show – This year the fair lasted for three weekends and two weeks. On the last Saturday the market was full of traders from Made in Cumbria. Local traders' takings were down by about £1,000 per week due to the fair.

Suggested that the secretary writes to the Town Council reminding them of the by law that no commercial gain can be carried out on The Glebe.

It was agreed that there should be a meeting between the Chamber and Andrew Irvine, the chairman of the Lions.

Fallbarrow has planning consent to open over Christmas.

Public WC's – the Chamber is to write to the Town Council requesting the re-opening of the WC's on The Glebe and better signage for toilets in general. Members of the public are using commercial premises nearby just to use the toilets.

The recycling in Windermere and Bowness is now taking effect and it was also suggested that other bins should be made available on the streets and around the car parks for glass, cans and plastic bottles so that these can be recycled separately.

The meeting was closed at 8 pm.

Dates of future meetings:

2nd October – **Guest Speaker, Tom Bell, Cumbria Business Link**

6th November

11th December – AGM and Christmas "Get Together"