End of Year Report 2017 WINDERMERE & BOWNESS CHAMBER OF TRADE AGM December 2017

**Opening Remarks** 

I would like to welcome all members and guests to this evening AGM and Social.

I have acted as Chair at most of the meetings throughout the year but think it is time that some of the younger members took a turn now.

I would like to pay particular thanks to Adrian Faulkner who has throughout the year held the Chamber together, kept the members informed as well as pushing the various authorities for replies and information especially United Utilities and their contractors.

I would also like to thank all the other Officers and Members for their outstanding work throughout the year and hope this continues.

Scott Keenan has worked hard this year on the sculpture trail after the suggestion at last years AGM by Rebecca Frain and we will hear more about this over the next few months.

It is essential that we get a Chair for the forthcoming year to keep things moving and for the Chamber to progress. I think it is also important that we get some new young blood into the Chamber to help develop modern technology and other systems.

I would also like to thank all those involved in the Christmas Market as there were more stalls this year with more shopkeepers putting up stalls outside their own premises. I think it has been a success and has certainly brought more people in over this weekend and has given a good Christmas feeling along with the lights for the build up to Christmas.

Barry Butler

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