

## Windermere and Bowness Chamber of Trade meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014

### Windermere Town Council report: Cllr John Saunders

The Town Council held its Annual Parish meeting at the Marchesi centre, Windermere on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Minutes of the previous 2013 annual Parish meeting were approved. It was attended by representatives of several community groups that had received grants from the Council. These groups included Bowness and Windermere Community Care Trust, the Windermere and Diessen Twinning Association, the Winter Lights Group, the Hub, First Responders, CAB and the Windermere Youth Project amongst others. They each gave a short presentation on their activities for the last year.

The Annual report of the Council was also presented along with the financial statement to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. This showed the Council had a total expenditure of £153,207.00 during the year. This represented a significant reduction on the previous year. This decrease in expenditure was mainly due to a decrease in payments associated with the costs of the public toilets, allotments and Elleray Wood. The Council secured additional external funding of over £38,000, the majority of which was grant from SLDC of £32,000.00 towards the cost of running the local public toilets. During the year the Council considered and responded to 165 planning applications and attended site visits and Development Control Committee meetings.

The Annual Meeting will take place in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7pm when the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be appointed for the next 12 months. Members of the public are welcome to attend.