



MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday 11 November 2015 Wellington Hotel

Present: Ross Yates, Debbie Bezant, Mary Buchanon, John & Denise Tillinghast, Margaret Pickering, Judith Hewitt, Nick & Justine Chater, Chris Searle, Linda Lockwood, Claire Bailey, Steve Coom, Sue Webster, Chris Key

Apologies: Paul & Jackie Stedman, Simon & Tracy Buxton, Vince Jerrison, Derek Wood, John Forde, Peter Dixon

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

Christmas – Carols and mince pies around the Christmas tree on 11 December 6-6.30pm. The chamber will fund the mince pies. Debbie will check with Tracy Cobweb Inn re mulled wine, also liaise with Mike Parsons re trees, Robert Thewsey, re parish mag. Also request the event to be publicised on the Chamber web page and I Love Boscastle. Spare lights to be obtained from Nick Holmes.

Halloween – The Museum of Witchcraft reported an excellent first event which had good coverage in the press and on the radio so was very well supported. Next year it is planned to be held on Saturday 29 October with the same format and maybe include a lantern parade. It was suggested that the event could be promoted as 'Summers End' or 'Change in Seasons Festival'.

Food Festival – Chris Searle reported another successful festival with a small profit being made. The Valency Lawn activities were a new and exciting addition but did come at a cost of £1700. Concerns were raised about the quality of some of the performers which did vary and at times were too loud. The festival costs around 16K to stage but is heavily dependent on finances and goodwill which poses a real risk each year. Over 61K has been paid out to clubs and organisations since its inception. Chris sadly reported that he has decided to resign from the committee and therefore if the Festival is to continue it will have to do so on its own without the association with BCTC. This will all be discussed and agreed at a festival meeting this week. Chris along with other members, including Michael Parsons were sincerely thanked for all their hard work and efforts over the years.

Toilets – Unless the running of the toilets is taken over by the Parish Council/Chamber they will close permanently on 1 April. This story will no doubt continue to run.

Any Other Business – Ross thanked the goodwill of the members who go above and beyond and was pleased to report that they now stand at 50 strong with a good variety of businesses.

He then went on to introduce Chris Key who had been invited to talk to the members about Commercial Law.

Chris Key operates a Law Firm from his barn conversion in Lesnewth and deals with all aspects of law.

He gave a very interesting and informative talk about various issues affecting commercial businesses, including risk assessment and insurance. He did very well to condense a minefield of information into a short period of time and not least make it understood by avoiding legal jargon. Obviously if you want to find out more just contact his office.

The Next Meeting will be the AGM on 9 February 2016