



BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 24 March 7.30pm Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Peter Dixon, Ross Yates, Sue Webster, Debbie Bezant, John & Denise Tillinghast, Anthony & Liz Brewer, John & Dawn Forde, Peter & Mary Buchanon, Nick & Justine Chater, Paul Stedman, Simon Buxton, Margaret Pickering, Tina Jenkins, Tracey Lane de Courtin, Linda Masters

Apologies: Chris & Sally Searle, Chris Jarvis, Jennifer Congdon, Steve Coom, Leonora Smith, Brian & Kathy Faulkner

Election of Officers for 2015/16

CHAIRMAN: Peter Dixon proposed by Denise seconded Ross

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Ross Yates proposed by Sue seconded Nick

TREASURER: Chris Searle proposed by Debbie seconded Denise (agreed in absence)

SECRETARY: Sue Webster proposed by Debbie seconded Margaret

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Ross Yates proposed by Peter seconded Debbie

Executive Committee: Debbie Bezant, Nick Chater, Simon Buxton, Paul Stedman

The minutes of the last AGM were read out and agreed also minutes of the last meeting on 10 February.

Treasurer's Report:

The BCTC spent more than it took for the first time last year this was due the New website over £1,000 which I hope you all agree is a great improvement on the old one. We continue to buy both Christmas trees for the village and new lights for the top of the village. We also continue to support the school with adverts in the Duck race day and the Baubles for the Christmas tree.

The Football club continue to repay the interest free loan and this money is going back into the Deposit account. (the club were loaned £11k repaid at £1100 per year)

The festival made a good profit last year which totalled £9,500 being raised and just over £3,000 being retained as contingency for future years.

Chris Searle

Walking Week:

The Walking Week bookings are now coming in, and I am hopeful for an increase on last year. If any Members of the BCTC would like to join the walks in a “backup” capacity I would be most grateful.

Sally Searle 01840 250225

Matters Arising:

Toilets - From 16 April the Cornwall County Council will cease any financial responsibility for toilets throughout Cornwall. The Parish Council have received a first payment of £12K in respect of the 50p increase in car park charges throughout the year. They are awaiting for a formal agreement from CCC that this will continue. The Parish Council **may** take on the running of the toilets and create an independent charitable trust made up of 4 members of the parish council and 4 members of the chamber but this has yet to be decided. As a charity they will be entitled to 80% reduction in business rate relief. It is anticipated that Cormac will take on the contract for cleaning and maintenance. The 20p charge will continue but it was suggested notices be put up explaining the charge hopefully encouraging users not to abuse the system.

Food Festival: Plans are well underway for what looks like being another very successful event with 19 top Chefs signed up, 90% of stalls and 50% of craft stalls booked, a Green Scene, Gala Evening with the Plymouth Military Wives and Boscastle Buoys. Activities throughout the village will be promoted more and advertised earlier and issues about reduced parking facilities are being addressed.

Christmas Lights: Agreed to have same format as last year with two trees and carols around the Cobweb Tree and again encourage the school children to become involved all with the help of Adrian and Tracy.

Halloween: An opportunity to create another village event in conjunction with the school and witchcraft museum such as growing pumpkins and putting them along the river banks, but open to suggestions.

Tracey Lane de Courtin suggested reimplementing the ‘telephone tree’ whereby all business could forewarn each other of any potential problems. Tracey will organise.

Anthony Brewer Chairman of the Boscastle AFC thanked the chamber for the loan enabling them to build new changing rooms but requested formal financial statements which will be provided in due course by the treasurer.

Membership renewal forms will be sent out to all members and please request additional ones if you know of any other businesses who would like to join. The fee remains at £25.

Ross reported insurance renewal problems, in particular storm and flood protection clauses. A letter will be sent to Dan Rogerson to see if he can help in any way.

Next Meeting 9 June

