

# **BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE**

**Wednesday 12 September 2018 Wellington Hotel**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Ross Yates, Chris & Sally Searle, Nick Chater, Roz Fentem, Claire Bailey, Peter & Mary Buchanon, Linda Lockwood, Debbie Beszant, Louise Smith, Paul Stedman, Sue Webster

**Apologies:** Peter Dixon, Jon and Delyth Ward, John & Denise Tillinghast

**Quorum:** The chairperson Ross Yates notified the members that the meeting was quorate being that 8 members were presents of which 2 are from the current executive committee, therefore, the meeting continued.

There were no Matters arising from the previous meeting:

### **Notified business**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Membership Secretary thanked those who renewed promptly and made their payment. There was a delay in sending out receipts due to other personal matters and hoped that this did not cause friction with any accounts. The current membership year dropped to 49 from 51 due to some retiring businesses ceasing their membership. New business joining counter other businesses leaving. Tracy and Simon Buxton of Bridge House vacated Bridge House in August and the membership welcomed the new occupiers Louise and Richard Smith.

#### **CHRISTMAS**

It was agreed to purchase two trees from Robin Haddy again and the lights will be switched on, on Friday 7 December.

#### **TRADER'S PHONE TREE**

Due to several incidents this summer it was suggested to resurrect the Traders phone tree via Whats App. Louise Smith offered to get it started again and will e-mail members asking for their mobile numbers so they can be contacted through a group chat which will only be used for alerts.

#### **BOSCASTLE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY AND MINIBUS**

The Boscastle community minibus arrived at the end of May, with the launch party taking place on Friday 1st June at the Cobweb. It was supported by the Boscastle Buoys, North Coast Harmony and the Starmakers & Morwenna. To the end of August the bus has carried 197 passengers and there are 22 approved drivers. So far we have run 5 community trips and it has been hired privately 21 times. There are a further 5 private hires in September and 10 more community trips planned up to Christmas.

## **VILLAGER HOPPER**

The Monday Village Hopper service started on Monday 3rd September. This will be a ring and ride service. We are very grateful to Fred Hockin who has volunteered to drive the minibus on a Monday. Fred will begin pick-ups around the village at 10am. There will be no set charge for the hopper service but will kindly ask for a small donation to put towards the cost of fuel etc.

## **COMMERCIAL WASTE & TINTAGEL WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE**

Cornwall Council have been raising the profile of the use commercial waste services to collect and dispose of waste and recycling especially with self-catering non domestic rate payers. They highlight their task in finding businesses who are illegally using the Council's household waste services to dispose of rubbish.

Private waste disposal companies include Biffa Commercial, Suez, H&A and Viridor. Many businesses are frustrated with their contracts and complex charging systems. Tintagel Skip Hire now operate a environment agency licensed waste transfer station and recycling centre where you can come in and dispose of your non-hazardous waste. Their aim is to re-use and recycle as much of that waste as possible. No permit is needed and they take clean, dry cardboard for free.

Furthermore, they have recently set up a new "Wheelie bins" service for commercial waste. They come in a variety of sizes and can be delivered and collected at a time to suit you with mixed or segregated waste and weekly, monthly or yearly contracts.

For anyone wishing to use their centre, they are at Trebarwith Rustic Quarry, Delabole PL33 9DE opening Monday to Friday 7am till 5.30pm. Contact Dan Climo on 01840770449.

## **DARK GATHERING EVENT**

This event is planned for 27 October from 10.30am to 11pm . As in previous years, the BCTC are giving advance notice that in the time leading up to this event and during, the Harbour area will be congested and parking will be limited. Marshals and volunteers have already been organised as this has worked well in the past. A schedule of events was made available along with posters; please contact Hannah at the Museum or call in if you would like anymore information.

To ensure maximum footfall, we will be looking to use the community minibus to ferry organisers and participants into the village rather than use the main public car park. The BCTC was asked to consider contributing to the cost of the private hire. As Boscastle Community Interest Company are in charge of the Minibus, this request was forwarded to them.

Cassandra Lathom-Jones, the lead organiser for the Dark Gathering, requested a donation of £200 to go towards travelling expenses of the various Morris groups participating. This was agreed as was provision of the mini bus and fuel for free.

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 November