

# **BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE**

**Wednesday 14 November 2018 Wellington Hotel**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Ross, Nick, Peter & Mary, Debbie, Louise & Richard, Sue, Gypsey, Jon & Delyth, Enzo and Michele, Kim & Allen

**Apologies:** Peter Dixon, John & Denise Tillinghast, Steve Coom, Linda Lockwood, Roz Fentem, Paul & Jacky Stedman, Claire Bailey

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

Matters arising from the previous AGM: None

### **Notified Business:**

#### **TRADERS WHATSAPP GROUP:**

Louise Smith has set-up the BCTC traders 'WhatsApp Group' which will only be used for alerts. If you wish to join, or have key workers who wish to be included, pass your number to Louise at Bridge House to be added. [Bridgehouseboscastle@outlook.com](mailto:Bridgehouseboscastle@outlook.com)

#### **BOSCASTLE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY:**

The Gateway building has a new and open noticeboard for any member of the community to advertise appropriate events. This was installed to deter people from using the support posts and doors as a free canvas. The minibus has published its 2019 spring excursion list online and in a leaflet. Whilst private hire is popular, the Christmas trips too are all double numbers and it is hoped that the usage continues to show such a demand. However more drivers with a B1 licence (aged 25-69) are much needed, so please contact Claire if you can offer your services. [harbourlighttearooms@gmail.com](mailto:harbourlighttearooms@gmail.com)

#### **ROAD CLOSURE:**

The membership was given advance notice of the B3263 road closure which will disrupt access to Boscastle harbour. Essential repairs are planned on the retaining wall on the B3263 (New Road) Boscastle which are anticipated to begin on 7 January 2019, lasting a minimum of 12 weeks. They will include specialist piling techniques, some excavation and drilling and it will therefore be necessary to close a section of the road for the duration. All vehicles wishing to access Boscastle village itself, will need to take the alternative diversion route, however, pedestrian access will be maintained throughout. If you have any queries or concerns, or would like to speak to someone about this, please call 0300 1234222 or email [contracting@cormacltd.co.uk](mailto:contracting@cormacltd.co.uk) or visit [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org). Consequently this is likely to have an impact on deliveries and coach access in the village. A preliminary plan, obtained from Cormac was shown during the meeting. A copy of the diversion route is attached.

The sharp corner (before the trees) on the B3266 as you enter Boscastle, is due to be resurfaced on 22 November.

### **EMERGENCY FIRST AID:**

Claire Bailey is organising another accredited first aid course over the winter as the previous training is due to expire in January 2019. Claire has provisionally booked two days of training at the Youth Hostel on Tuesday 22 January and Thursday 7 February 2019. Spaces will be limited and will be subsidised for members at a cost of £25 (1 per member) additional spaces can be booked at a cost of £35. If you wish to sign up, please speak to Claire [harbourlighttearooms@gmail.com](mailto:harbourlighttearooms@gmail.com)

### **OFF STREET PARKING:**

Cornwall Council has agreed to support the Parish Council's proposals for road safety improvements around the village. In particular, the off-street parking along Penally Hill outside Lower Meadows and the Spar shop are proposed to be No Parking Yellow Lines all year round. This will have a consequence for those who use the off-street parking as a saving to the car park over the winter period. Whilst the consultation for the road traffic order is being issued before Christmas, it is expected that the implementation will be from Easter, thus this winter will be the last of such seasonal yellow lines.

### **CAR PARKING CHARGES:**

Cornwall Council have published their draft proposals for car parking charges for the next season. The hourly rates have reductions of 24% excluding the 24 hour ticket which is rising by 8% to £5.60. A new proposal of a 30 minute 40p rate has been issued to support local shoppers. However, season ticket holders are set for the biggest rises; the lowest rise is to the annual ticket which rise by 44% from £390 to £560. The largest rise is monthly tickets by 150% from £32.59 to £81.20. The season tickets will directly affect local workers.

Chris Dawe highlighted the JustPark App which offers great value and convenience for those who regularly park, but might not park every single day. The sessions are priced using the reduced rate of a season ticket, but each session can be used to park for 24 hours on whatever day you need them, so you don't pay for days you won't be parking. All you have to do is load your JustPark account with a minimum amount of £47 and each time you book a session, the daily rate for it will be taken off your account. For more information, see the Council's parking site.

### **ACCOMMODATION GUIDE:**

The National Trust visitor centre reported that their website attracted 8324 visitors and they distributed over 1000 accommodation guides through the centre. The advertising rates for next year will be the same as the past 3 years. Anyone wishing to advertise with them, please contact them direct. They now have one of the digital screens offering advertising in the same form of the traditional booklet which members are welcome to go and see.

### **CHRISTMAS:**

Members were asked to consider installation of a permanent cable about 80m worth from Lower Meadows to the Christmas tree in the car park with a separate outside socket with independent RCBO. This would stop the electric from cutting out everytime tree lights blow. Also the cable needs to be heavy duty with waterproof outdoor sockets and plugs both ends. Parts will cost between £150 and £250 plus work will need to be certified. Labour is free. Paul and Jackie from Lower Meadows are happy to run lights but would need to protect their electrics. Nick proposed the purchase, Louise 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was agreed to go ahead.

Two Christmas trees are on order from Robin Haddy and these will be erected ready for the switching on of the lights and carol singing on 7 December. North Coast Harmony will be invited to come along and lead the singing.

## **DARK GATHERING EVENT**

Cassandra and Laetitia Latham-Jones, organisers of The All Hallows Gathering, wished to thank the BCTC for their generous donation of £200 to the October's Dark Gathering community event. The donation went towards paying for some performers' expenses. They also highlighted confusion as to who runs the event and offered clarification. The All Hallows Gathering was started by the pair in 2014 as a get together of friends and like-minded folks where they brought each others Obby Osses to meet each other. It seemed a good idea to introduce some Morris sides and make 'a bit of a do' of it, and it has grown exponentially since. It is now a not-for-profit community event which gives the local economy of Boscastle a welcome boost off-season.

So popular has the Dark Gathering now become that they do worry about whether the infrastructure of the village can take much more. Whilst this has been remarked before, Claire Bailey, on behalf of the Boscastle CIC, organised a 'park and ride' scheme as the amount of performers take up much of the car parking spaces in Boscastle. Conscious about our day-trippers, Claire's scheme allowed for 60 cars/160-180 extra visitors between 2pm and 5.30pm. This has the potential to be extended to later hours

The Museum of Witchcraft and Magic over the last few years have been invaluable in providing not only a venue, but funding to the tune of £300 on average each year. The organisers are aware of finding a revenue stream to support rising costs associated with the event. In particular, they are exploring a Street Collection licence for next year plus have started to sell merchandise in the form of badges and are looking at creating car stickers. Whilst this will take some time to establish, the organisers are asking the membership to look favourably on funding a repeat 2019 event for a further year in order to help this event to flourish for the good of all the community.

Gypsey, representing the MWM asked for traders views on the event, for which she received a positive and favourable feedback. She went on to explain that the museum is not responsible for organising the event, despite having to get involved at the last minute, they just provide a platform, it was remit of Cassandra who comes from Penzance. The MWM funded it to the tune of £442.

There was a lack of manpower, in particular mini-bus drivers, marshals, and although the Coastwatch agreed to marshal it, they only raised £36 which the chamber was asked if they could fund match, this was proposed by Ross and seconded by Louise and agreed.

The park and ride finished too early at 5pm as the event went on much later. It was suggested that a more beneficial way to utilise parking and park and ride was to suggest participants, the

majority of whose vehicles were filling up the car park, be given vouchers for free parking in the field opposite Tresuck and use park and ride to get there and back only, thereby freeing up space in the car park for visitors.

A long discussion was held about the way forward and it was felt that Cassandra should take a leading role in organising future happenings and be the main person responsible for the event. For that reason it was agreed to invite Cassandra, friends and museum staff to the next meeting in February 2019 to discuss it further. The chamber are in full support of the event, however it was proposed by Sue and seconded by Richard to defer to decision to make a donation of £200 for next years event until the meeting takes place in February with Cassandra.

The MWM will also be open, reduced hours from October half term through to Christmas and New Year.

### **WALKING WEEK:**

Celena has taken over the running of the Walking Week, however to date we believe, nothing has been organised. It was suggested to defer the event for 2019 and put more effort into creating a better one for 2020, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING AGM – WEDNESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2019