



Tuesday 14 June 2016 Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Pete Dixon, Ross Yates, Paul & Jackie Stedman, Peter & Mary Buchanon, Nick Chater, Chris & Sally Searle, Claire Bailey, Linda Lockwood, Sue Webster

Apologies: Leonora Smith, Tina Jenkins, Steve Coom, Denise and John Tillinghast, Margaret Pickering & Morag Reeve, Debbie Beszant, John Forde, Tracy Bright, Natalie and Jon Cumins

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

- 1. Minutes of last meeting - AGM**
- 2. Membership update and issues arising**

Thank you to renewing member and for the prompt payment this year. Every member should have received their payment receipt and 2016 handbook by email. The BCTC membership has grown to 50 from 44 (2015) and 43 (2014). Total membership revenue is £1260.00 of which £60.00 is generated through members paying for additional category listings on the www.visitboscastle.co.uk website. The BCTC welcomes the following new members: Lesley Brough Walker (Boscastle Artists Cooperative CIC), Rob and Teresa Lloyd (The Leather Shop), Matt and Alison Myring (Myrings of Boscastle) and Paul Langford (Cornish Stores).

27% of members paid by the option of BACS, offered by the Treasurer this year. Members who updated their details or website blurb has already been published. However, to ensure that the website is correct, members are encouraged to view their listing and notify **Ross** if they wish for any changes. Furthermore, please contact him if you have any dates to be included in the events section or any pictures for use on the website so we can ensure the website is a useful tool.

Additional businesses have declared an interest to join the BCTC membership but have been postponed from joining by the Membership Secretary. Some businesses who operate in Boscastle and/or are on the periphery of the PL35 boundary are interested in joining the BCTC. It was noted that the BCTC constitution defines refers to the membership area as 'the postal area of PL35 and its environs'. Therefore, it was agreed that at the discretion of the Membership Secretary, interested members that do not operate out of the PL35 boundary but do work inside it or are on the periphery whereby would have a direct influence to the PL35 may join the membership.

3. Response to the Parish Plan

The Parish Council has published The Parish Plan, completed in April 2016, based on the results of a survey carried out in December 2013. Over 500 questionnaires were sent out and 235 were returned and analysed by an independent person. A copy of the The Parish Plan can be found on www.boscastlecornwall.org.uk and the Visitor Centre and commentary does give reference to the involvement of the BCTC in some of the issues raised. Therefore, it was agreed that the BCTC accept The Parish Plan and highlight its continued support in areas where the BCTC has been involved.

4. Walking Week 2016 again another successful event which made a profit. Dates for 2017 are the weekend of 26 March and also the last weekend in September. More publicity is needed particularly utilising social media and it was suggested to create a facebook page and link into other successful pages such as I love Boscastle.

5. Website www.boscastlefestival.co.uk . The BCTC agreed to keep the domain at a cost of £10 per year.

6. Promoting Boscastle and village map

Work is underway to restore a village map in the car park area which will allow for businesses within the BCTC to advertise. This is being headed by Boscastle Community Interest Company in partnership with The National Trust (Boscastle) as the latter already produce a paper based village map. Therefore, the NT are allowing for rights over the map and supporting with artwork design where Boscastle Community Interest Company will pay for production and receive an inward revenue generated which can be used for community benefit. With two A2 maps on the Boscastle Gateway building and 10000 copies of a village map planned, a discussion was held about what the membership felt was value for money for setting a price per advert for members and non-members. This is to be reviewed by Boscastle Community Interest Company and members will be notified in due course if they wish to participate. It was agreed at the meeting that a suitable cost would be £50

7. Boscastle Community Interest Company

Boscastle Community Interest Company was incorporated on 1st April 2016 by individuals from both the BCTC and Parish Council. With a 13 strong subscribers with Nick Chater chairperson of the Directors', the Company has the objective recorded with Companies House and the CIC regulator for its work to benefit the residents, businesses and visitors of Boscastle and its parish by managing, preserving and promoting community assets and activities. This includes the Boscastle Gateway building which the Company will soon be leasing from Cornwall Council to ensure continued provision of toilet facilities in Boscastle. The Company has worked hard to generate a fair and revenue positive mechanism so that residents and businesses do not have to directly pay for the facility. For the moment, the Company are reviewing the documentation supplied by Cornwall Council and have agreed to take over the toilets on 1 July 2016. It was suggested a suitable sign be placed on the door to encourage users to pay the 20p.

8. **Christmas** – it was agreed to fund more lights for the tree in the car park and Paul Stedman will source.

9. **Proposal for a Boscastle Beer and Music Festival** - Andrew Leeds proposed an alternative festival event that included a focus on music in place of what the BCTC supported before; a food, arts and craft festival. A narrative summary of the discussion that followed with Andrew would highlight that the membership does not object to any event, old or new, that promotes Boscastle and its businesses and admires the hard working individuals who contribute vast amounts of goodwill to such occasions. However, for this particular event proposal, a number of members attending the meeting raised three significant concerns regarding the venue location being in the centre of the village valley and not on the periphery away from residential and sleeping accommodation businesses, the time the event would end and the time the crowd would have dispersed from the location, the lack of camping facilities which often correlates with music festivals. Andrew was thanked for attending and giving courtesy to the membership.

There is an open parish council meeting on Wednesday 22nd June at 7pm in the Boscastle Community Centre regarding the music and beer festival.

Next Meeting Tuesday 30 September 2016