

BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 13th February 2019 Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ross Yates, Chris and Sally Searle, Nick Chater, Roz Fentem, Claire Bailey, Alan & Kim Jones, John Scott, Debbie Beszant, Paul Stedman, Denise Tillinghast, Andy Wall, Judith and Chris Dawe, Louise Smith, Matt Myring, Michelle and Enzo, Tim Dawe, Linda Masters, Gypsy, Fred Hockin (Parish Council).

Apologies: Andrew Crystal, Robin Haddy, Paul Taplin. John Tillinghast, Sue Webster

Quorum:

The acting 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 AGM continued.

Matters arising from the previous AGM: None.

Annual report:

The chairperson gave a narrative annual report to the membership and expressed what an excellent year it had been.

Inspected accounts:

The Financial Year of the BCTC starts on 1st January and end on 31st December each year. The outgoing Treasurer Chris Searle gave a narrative on the BCTC finances which a detailed statement is attached the minutes and will be sent to be audited externally of which a record will be handed to the Secretary.

Membership:

Membership currently stands at 49. Membership fees for the coming year are fixed at each Annual General Meeting on recommendations to be made by the Executive. It was recommended and voted on that the present fees continue at £25.

A reminder that subscriptions are due on 1st March and the membership secretary will notify existing members shortly which can be paid by BACS.

Election of officers:

The membership thanked the officers and the wider membership for their dedication, hard work and goodwill over the last year. In particular, it thanked Sue and Peter for their roles on the executive committee.

Chairperson (vacant) Ross expressed that whilst he is happy to act until such time a member steps forward but does not want to be tied to the role. Ross hoped that between Peter and him, they will act as Chair until such time the role is fulfilled by a permanent holder of the role.

Secretary Claire Bailey proposed by Ross seconded by Paul

Treasurer Chris Searle proposed by Ross seconded by Claire
Membership Jon Ward proposed by Ross seconded by Claire

Co-opted: Debbie Beszant, Nick Chater, Paul Stedman, Louise Smith, Jon Ward

2019 meeting dates:

The following meetings have been set for the 2019 membership at 7.30pm at The Wellington Hotel:

Wednesday 12th June
Wednesday 11th September
Wednesday 13th November
Wednesday 12th February 2020 (Annual General Meeting)

Should any additional activities or issues arise, additional meetings will be organised and publicised.

Commencement of the BCTC meeting:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:
Thanks to Debbie and the volunteers for organising Christmas trees and lights.

Notified business:

Western Power Disconnection

Following the proposed planned power disconnection, then subsequent cancellation it was agreed that to avoid any future issues, individual members are asked to communicate with other members (via the WhatsApp group) before trying to rearrange works that affect more than one business. Matt proposed to ask Western Power for generators and carry out the works over 2 days, starting earlier in the day. Ross contacted Western Power regarding this matter and the response is attached. Chris Searle volunteered a generator for anyone in need.

Road Closure

Ross shared responses from the various stakeholders. The Parish council are meeting on the 14th February to discuss the closure. There is now a possible completion date of 12/04/2019. For those businesses who pay business rates – Ross informed the membership that a Cornwall Hardship fund for businesses may be able to help put with reduced business rates.

First Aid

Two training days were held at the YHA for the membership. Take up was less than the previous year and as a result we did not break even. (£30 short). Going forward, if we arrange the training again only one date will be offered. Thank you to Angie Martelli for carrying out the training for the membership.

Walking Week

Following Sally Searle stepping down last year as the organiser of walking week, a couple of regular attendees decided to try and keep the event going. The 2019 walking week is arranged for the week of Saturday 30th March to Friday April 5th. A Facebook page has been established along with a dedicated email address. Posters have been out for several weeks and the programme of events and booking forms are now available both online and from the National Trust Visitors Centre. Early indications are good that several regulars will be returning and there are some new visitors planning to attend. A full programme of walks, evening events and a workshop are planned for the week. I'd like to thank the BCTC for their support of this year's BWW event. I've been helped immensely by several members who have

offered discounts and special offers. I'm hopeful that a successful event will follow the efforts of trying to organise it.

Dark Gathering Event

Guests - Cassandra Latham-Jones and Letitia Latham-Jones

Cassandra established clarity regarding the event origins and organisation. The event arose from two groups, Cornish and Welsh coming together. Initially the event attracted around 40 people, which has risen to around 1000 in 2018. The performers at the event come from all over the country and as a result Cassandra asked the BCTC to help give financial recompense to those people by donating £200. The Museum of Witchcraft and Magic has pledged to match the BCTC amount. Cassandra expressed a desire to ensure a quality event and to try to retain the current size of the event.

The need for marshals was discussed, with the museum and Cassandra agreeing to encourage the 'Friends' of the event and museum to help/volunteer. People are needed to marshal the car park, drive the minibus for the Park and Ride and to help with street safety and traffic management.

Paul proposed- donate £200 to the Gathering event and to ask the Coast Watch to marshal for the coming year but with a £100 donation from the BCTC (and allow them to collect donations for the bus on the day) subject to their approval. Seconded by Debbie.

We are therefore willing to give £300 to the event.

WhatsApp Traders Group

Louise offered to make poster/reminders for the What's App group, so that issues can be shared around quickly. Key workers can also be included to ensure information is shared, if the BCTC member is not on the premises. Send their numbers to Louise.

Other Business

Beer and Music Festival – There is uncertainty regarding the date of this event and new name; Boscastle Culture Festival.

Christmas trees – Biffa will be contacted and encouraged to move the old Christmas trees more quickly.

The membership wishes to extend its thanks to Beiran Martlew for his help with the Christmas tree lights.