

# **BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 12th June 2019 Wellington Hotel**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Ross Yates, Chris and Sally Searle, Nick Chater, Claire Bailey, Denise and John Tillinghast, Jon Ward, Louise Smith, Michelle and Enzo, Tracy Bright, Simon Costin, Fergus, Hannah

**Apologies:** Debbie Beszant, YHA, Paul and Jackie Stedman, Kim and Alan Jones, Selena

### **Road Closure**

The BCTC asked Cornwall Council for a review of the planning, preparation and impact of the road works on the local businesses to prepare for any future works that may take place, to counter the difference and avoid any negative impact. Four emails were sent but unfortunately the council didn't wish to respond.

A narrative of what happened was sent, not the review which was requested.

The BCTC wish to thank members for continually 'banging the drum' in order to try to speed up the process. We will continue to work with the Parish Council for any future road improvements.

### **Business Rates**

A letter was received from the Parish Clerk regarding business rate reduction. It was investigated as to whether business could claim rate reduction during the road work period. However there are many criteria to fulfil to receive rate relief and unfortunately businesses would not be able to claim in this instance. We thank the Parish for considering the businesses and forwarding the information.

### **Parking**

The Parish are investigating whether an additional 25 parking spaces can be found in the top car park. They wish to allocate a specific number of tickets at a reduced rate for persons parking who are employed within the village. They are also reviewing the yellow lines around the village. It was noted that it is now illegal for campers to 'camp' overnight in the car park.

Proposed by Nick - The BCTC to work with the Parish Council to investigate the possibility of additional spaces.

Seconded by Sally

### **Dark Gathering**

The Museum have asked the Dark Gathering organisers to pause with the planning of the event as they feel there are license and health and safety considerations. Due to the increase in size of the event a license is required. The event has previously been run on a TEN which has a limit of 500 people attending. It is clear that numbers are now higher and therefore the event may require a premises license. A meeting has been arranged with the event organisers to discuss and work through all the planning issues.

The BCTC fully supports the event but raised a few issues including the possibility of limiting numbers, parking and the use of the park and ride. It was suggested that event parking should only be in field, not the main car park there leaving the car park available for other visitors not attending the Gathering.

### **Any Other Business**

### **Walking Week**

Selena sent the following narrative

*Boscastle Walking Week 2019 was a great success. Over the course of the week several non walking events saw up to 40 people enjoy the various eateries and drinking establishments the village has to offer and several of our lovely B&B's made the walkers' stays comfortable and enjoyable.*

*The walk events raised over £350 profit which I know will boost the village coffers and help towards a bigger and brighter Christmas display this year.*

*As I said, over 40 visitors attended this year's walking week, several of them newbies to the village so next year looks like building on that success.*

*We are looking to plan a weekend event towards the beginning of October and will keep the chamber informed about that as well as next years event which is already in the planning stages.*

*Thanks to all the BCTC members and businesses that helped to make this years event such a success.*

The BCTC wish to thank Selena for her effort and time leading to a very successful event. Proposed by Chris - The BCTC to use to up £350 to buy posters, A Frames etc to advertise and promote the Walking Week around the village.

Seconded by Nick

### **Membership**

Membership now stands at 43 members

Date of next meeting; Wednesday 11th September 2019