

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BODMIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018

The Chairman opened the Meeting, welcomed all and invited any non-members attending to join at the end of the meeting.

The following Members were in attendance:

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| Philip Taylor/Secretary | Westberry Hotel         |
| Julie Rowan             | Sproull Solicitors      |
| Geoff Kestell           | Martin & Budge Menswear |
| Lee Keat                | Martin & Budge Menswear |
| Hayley Moore            | Fleurtations            |
| Alison Perrin           | Bodmin College          |
| Karen Phillips          | Bodmin Town Council     |
| Pat Rogerson            | Cornwall County Council |
| Phil Brown              | Cornish Lime            |
| Gill Jenkins/Secretary  | Bedknobs B&B            |
| Kim Roscoe              | Kelta Systems           |

### **Non Members:**

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| Steve Roffy   | PFWW                      |
| Dominic ..... | Representing Wales & West |

### **Apologies for Absence:**

Chris Wilkes, Sarah Horne, Katharine (Cornwall Hospice Care) and Phil Ugalde

At the request of Pat Rogerson, Members introduced themselves and Dominic ?? representing Wales & West was welcomed to the Meeting.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

These were Moved, seconded and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising:** There were none, other than those listed below.

**Correspondence:** There was none

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1. Fore Street Closure Campaign**

Joy Bassett reported that it had now been confirmed that the work would take some 3 weeks and introduced Dominic ????? representing Wales & West. The Chairman felt the

question was how best Bodmin can be promoted during the road closure in September and what can be done, particularly on the logistical side.

Dominic advised that Wales & West have a process that is followed in the case of high profile closures. Both the top of Fore Street (Robartes Road) and the bottom of Fore Street would be open and he explained fully exactly where the closures would be.

It was confirmed that the taxi rank would move across to Mount Folly and that emergency vehicles would continue to have access to Fore Street.

In response to Phil Brown, Dominic re-assured Members and advised what steps had been taken to ensure that deliveries could continue to be made. Another member raised concern re arctics. Dominic advised that the proposed works should be available on [www.roadworks.org](http://www.roadworks.org) which he confirmed would show a map.

It was generally accepted that artic lorries proceeding up Fore Street could not reverse back down. Phil Brown felt it should be Cornwall Council addressing the problems and not left to Bodmin Chamber of Commerce. Dominic confirmed they had met with Cornwall Council and others involved, in particular food businesses.

In specific response to a member, Dominic was unable to confirm whether Wales & West would be willing to commit to re-imbursing the Council if they were to offer free parking.

The Chairman advised he had been approached by a company offering advertising at Cornwall Services but it was felt to be in the wrong place. Dominic said Wales & West would consider being involved in the creation of positive signage on the A30.

In response to Geoff Kestell and after discussion, Dominic confirmed that disabled parking would be allowed and an option might be to employ extra marshalls so that taxis could proceed up Fore Street and down Chapel Lane which would be one-way down to Dennison Road. The question of access for carers was also raised as were numerous other issues.

In response to Pat Rogerson, Dominic confirmed that the public would be kept fully informed by newsletter. Phil Brown suggested the possible use of a Safety Enforcement Officer and Pat Rogerson said that she would look into it. It was confirmed that disabled drivers could be given a parking ticket should they park in the wrong place. It was suggested that an explanatory leaflet be made available.

The question of events/activities was also discussed. The Chairman felt that members should be focusing more on 'promotions' than 'events'.

**2. Cornish Guardian Press Releases:** The Chairman reported positive feedback to the press release in last Wednesday's Guardian.

3. **Safer Bodmin:** The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the Safer Bodmin Group and would report back. He called for a volunteer to attend future meetings.
4. **Affiliation with Cornwall Chamber of Commerce:** The Chairman advised that he was liaising with Cornwall Chamber of Commerce on the subject of banners etc. He sought authority to spend up to £150 on a pop-up banner and flag. **AGREED**
5. **Date and time of next Meeting:** To be announced. Geoff Kestell proposed 6 p.m. on a Tuesday at the same venue. Phil Taylor will liaise and report back.
6. **AOB:** Pat Rogerson advised that she'd received an e-mail from Sarah ??? Community Link Officer to say that Cornwall Council are commissioning a Community Footfall Remote Survey that will measure pedestrian footfall. Geoff Kestell advised that the public will now often go into shops to check out goods then order on line which of course would distort the result.

In reply to Kim Roscoe, it was confirmed that no contact had been made with those members of 'old' Chamber whose monies were being held in the HSBC account.

The Meeting closed at .....