



MINUTES
Bodmin Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Meeting Date: 19th August 2019
Time: at 6pm
Venue: The Westberry Hotel

Attendees: Joy Bassett (Chair, Bassetts Solicitors)
 Balu (Jai the Jeweller)
 Sam Chapman (Barnados)
 John Newcomb (Tanist)
 Carol Randall (Candere)
 Philip Taylor (Westberry Hotel)
 Pam Towers (Clarity Copiers)
 Philip Ugalde (Proper Cornish)
 Chris Wilkes (Bodmin Jail).

Apologies: Phil Brown (Cornish Lime)
 Alex Fraser (Alex Fit)
 Hannah Irwin (Bodmin & Wenford Railway)
 Gill Jenkins (The Honeypot)
 Lea Keats (Martin & Budge)
 Geoff Kestell (Martin & Budge)
 Martin Lyall (Bodmin Jail)
 Alison Perry (Bodmin College)
 Paul Miles Rogers (My advice is take advice)
 Kim Roscoe (Kelta Systems)
 Tomasz Rozinski (Hoare Lea)
 Anthony Wilson (Eureka Economics).

Welcome: The meeting opened at 18.10. Joy Bassett welcomed our two new members, Carol and Pam to the Chamber.

Agenda Items

| Topic | Comment | Action | By who & when |
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| Minutes from the last meeting. | These were accepted as a true and accurate record | | |
| Matters Arising | a) There was some discussion concerning the idea of a promotional film for Christmas, but still no firm decision. It was suggested that local radio might also be a useful medium. Hannah Irwin will be asked to advise on branding and brand image. b) Tour of Britain. Jeremy Edwards had been approached but was not interested in speaking to this event, so Dave Potter will be approached. Much remains to be resolved. c) Bodmin Climate Action Group — it was suggested that the Group might like to speak at a forthcoming breakfast event (BCOBB, q.v.) | | |



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| <p>Chairman's Report</p> | <p>a) Group leadership: it was reported that, due to pressure of work and other matters, Paul Miles Rogers had tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Chamber. After brief reference to the Constitution, it was agreed that a new Chairman should be elected as soon as possible. It was also agreed that the Chamber really needed both a Chairman and a vice-Chairman. After some discussion, Balu nominated Joy Bassett (current vice-Chairman) for the position of Chairman; this was seconded by Chris Wilkes and passed <i>nem con</i>. Balu then nominated Chris Wilkes as vice-Chairman; this was seconded by John Newcomb and passed <i>nem con</i>.</p> <p>b) It was reported that the Steering Group had agreed that the present name did not accurately reflect the Group's rôle, and that it would be known henceforth as the Executive Committee. A new mailing list (committee@bodmin-chamber.co.uk) has been created.</p> | | |
| <p>Membership Update</p> | <p>a) New members Candere and Clarity Copiers were welcomed.</p> <p>b) It was reported that No 4 Honey Street had applied for membership; those present approved this application unanimously.</p> <p>c) The Membership Secretary reported that membership currently stood at 46 individuals, representing 41 distinct organisations.</p> | | |
| <p>Treasurers Report</p> | <p>in the absence of the Treasurer, it was simply noted that at least one member had renewed at full price (£40).</p> | | |
| <p>Bodmin Chamber – Achieving our Priorities. Progress Update</p> | <p>See Matters Arising.</p> | | |
| <p>Cornwall Chamber</p> | <p>Affiliation and member benefits : after the benefits and costs of affiliation were explained, it was AGREED that the Bodmin Chamber would apply to become an affiliate Chamber of the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce.</p> | <p>Complete application form and send to Cornwall Chamber.</p> | <p>PT</p> |



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| Cornwall Business Breakfast | Cornwall Business Breakfast: after <i>considerable</i> discussion, it was finally agreed that that the new name for the former Bodmin Business Breakfast would be the <i>Bodmin Chamber Open Business Breakfast</i> . The first BBOBB will take place on 3rd September 2019 at 07:45 for 08:00. The Westberry Hotel kindly agreed to hold the price at £5 per head for the next year. Speakers are expected to include Phillipa Patterson (Sowena) and Mary Watkins (Climate Action Group). A small number of attending members (max. 3) will be invited to give a brief (90 seconds to 3 minutes) presentation. Bodmin Rotary, Bodmin Lions, Bodmin CAN, etc., should be informed of the new arrangements as well as all former attendees. | Liaise with Sproull LLP to try to gain access to their members' database. | JB |
| Projects Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Promotional Christmas Film — Discussed under 'Matters Arising' point 1. b) Town Directory Carried Forward | | |
| Tour of Britain Update | It was reported that Fair Park had now been agreed by all concerned as the only viable finish location. It was AGREED that considerable planning will be required in order to successfully get a potentially very large number of visitors to the finish (from wherever they park their cars) and then to get them back into the town once the stage is over. Joy has suggested to Bodmin Town Council that one way could be to organise a big carnival-style, cycle-themed, procession back into town with a post-finish party to avoid the anti-climax that might otherwise be experienced | | |
| Bodmin Vision | The next step will be on the 16 th September to start making action plans on "How to deliver", in partnership with Better Bodmin and others. Neil Pendleton will send out invitations to Councillors Frost & Rogerson, together with representatives of the two Colleges. | | |
| AOB | Any other business: Balu tendered his apology in advance for his expected absence at the next Chamber meeting and brought to the attention of the meeting the problems that uncontrolled parking are causing to residents and businesses alike, a comment that was echoed by Chris Wilkes. Joy suggested that this problem was probably not unique to Bodmin, and that perhaps Cornwall Council could be asked to instigate a consistent policy across the whole of Cornwall. If Cornwall Council are not interested in pursuing the matter, Joy will contact Sarah Sims and Rachel Tatler | Joy will contact Sarah Sims and Rachel Tatler | JB |

The meeting closed at 7.40pm