

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BODMIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD ON MONDAY 20th AUGUST 2018

Joy Bassett, standing in for the Chairman, opened the Meeting and welcomed all attending.

The following Members were in attendance:

Joy Bassett (standing in for Chairman)	
Philip Taylor/Secretary	Westberry Hotel
Sarah Horne/Secretary	Roscrea B&B
Geoff Kestell	Martin & Budge Menswear
Lee Keat	Martin & Budge Menswear
Sue Gosling	Mad Hatter's Tea Rooms
Catherine Robins	Cornwall Hospice Care ???
Gill Jenkins/Secretary	Bedknobs B&B

Apologies for Absence:

Paul Miles Rogers (Chairman), Sarah Horne, Christopher Jeffery (Woolacotts), Phil Brown, Balu Madhvani (Jai the Jeweller) and Kim Roscoe (Kelta Systems / "Bedknobs" B&B)

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chair went through the Minutes which were **AGREED** by all present.

Matters Arising:

Future Meetings: It was **AGREED** by those present that future Meetings would be held on the 3rd Monday of each month at The Westberry Hotel. Phil Taylor confirmed that The Westberry had been booked.

Traffic Congestion around Bodmin Jail: It was agreed to invite a Jail Spokesperson to the next meeting to report so that Chamber can in turn update Members.

Christmas Lights: Sara reported that Fin Irwin who had been working with Truro Christmas Lights had also obtained funding for Bodmin and huge improvements to Bodmin's Christmas lights were expected. This in turn could provide sponsorship opportunities. **AGREED** this item should appear on next month's Agenda.

Bodmin Carnival: The Chair wondered whether Chamber might wish to consider a float for next year's Carnival.

Correspondence: The Chair advised of a letter from Dominic Tester who is no longer representing Wales & West.

Agenda Items

1. **Fore Street Closure:** See under 'Correspondence' above. In addition, the Chair advised that little had come out of the recent drop-in meeting at Shire House and she understood that Wales & West now had approval for 24-hour closure and this had been confirmed to her by Cornwall Council.

It was agreed that if the work proves not to run smoothly then we must ensure that someone from Wales & West be present at the next Chamber Meeting to explain just why.

2. **Development Plans for Bodmin:** The Chairman raised the question of the Bodmin Town Framework. Phil advised of the benefits of professional assistance in putting together a Neighbourhood Plan.

With regard to the Housing Conference on 25th September 2018, Sarah proposed circulating members to try and find someone with the knowledge who might be interested in going. Chair proposed inviting Phil Ugalde to a meeting to consider how to encourage people in the strategic plan.

3. **Consultation re the Community Infrastructure Levy:** The Chair explained the relevance of the consultation and wondered if Chamber members would like to have some input. **AGREED** to circulate the URL to Members. Sarah stressed the importance of ensuring that Members were provided with information that was available to them.

Future Policing Survey re Proposed Merger of Devon & Cornwall Police with Dorset: The Chair brought the consultation to members attention and suggested the Chamber on behalf of the membership, make a response.

6. **AOB:** Phil suggested informing members of the Steering Group Meeting on 3rd September should they wish any matter to be considered for the next Meetings Agenda.

It was **AGREED** that Gill Jenkins would become permanent Minute Secretary for all Chamber Meetings and that Joy (Bassett) be appointed Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chairman. Further **AGREED** that Sarah (Horne) be appointed Member without portfolio.

Joy (Bassett) questioned just how Chamber could help local businesses? With social media in mind, she suggested a #hour say, each Monday between 7-8 p.m. Agreed #Bodmin and #Love Bodmin.

Date and time of next Meeting: This will take place on 17th September 2018 at 6 p.m.