



BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

Tuesday 10 September 7.30pm Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: *Peter Dixon, Ross Yates, Peter Templar, Debbie Bezant, Diane Bentall, Sue Scott, Sally Searle, Denise and John Tillinghast Mike Davey, Margaret, Nick Chater, Mary Buchanon, Sue Venning*

Apologies: *Ian and Carolyn Hoyle-Johnson, Michael Parsons, Stephen Marsh*

Chairman Peter Dixon opened the meeting and minutes of the last meeting were read by Sue

MATTERS ARISING:

Christmas: Carols around the tree with mince pies and mulled wine – Friday 13 December

- Toilets and Carpark** – It was felt that these should be discussed and treated as a combined entity. In conjunction with the parish council, representatives from the BCTC had been working hard to secure a satisfactory decision on the charging and opening hours. The main goal was to keep the toilets open throughout the winter but also ensuring better and cleaner facilities. A 20p charge had been implemented by Cornwall Council, which had produced significant revenue but standards fell way short. Following a meeting with the CC in July at which they agreed to review the situation, it was suggested that the parish council take on the running of the toilets and to help finance the 20k running costs, revenue from the increase in parking charges from 50p to £1 would be passed on to the parish council. However so far the CC have not provided any breakdown of car parking revenue only total revenue for the year so it is difficult to ascertain how much revenue could be given back to the PC but this will be discussed at the meeting with the CC on Thursday As business rates on the toilets currently stand at 8k it seemed prudent that the BCTC amalgamate with the PC on this issue as there is a possibility that the BCTC could reclaim this cost.
- Countryfile** – Peter Dixon has had a reply to his letter stating ‘it will be considered’ It was felt that perhaps it was too early for the production company to make a decision so they will be contacted again early next year. Sally Searle had contacted ‘Ramblings on Radio 4’ and was hoping for some air time.
- Parish Plan** – Margaret reported that the parish council were trying to create a steering group and engage more views from both visitors, businesses and residents. A snapshot survey aimed at visitors’ impression had been produced was being analysed, which already highlighted problems with the public toilets.

4. **Website** – This will be addressed at the next meeting when hopefully Chris Searle has spoken informally to Malcolm Baker with the view to his input.
5. **Constitution** – a rewritten draft will be presented at the next meeting for adoption. Meanwhile Peter will contact the Cornwall Chamber of Trade for further direction.
6. **Food Festival** – Everything going well for another successful event. A barn dance and hog roast had been planned for Thursday, more chefs and a new green scene exhibition were in hand.
7. **Any Other Business** - It was reported that the paths around minster church and minster woods were overgrown and needed attention as it was providing a poor impression to visitors. The matter would be passed to the parish council.

In line with the winter time table the public buses no longer ran on a Sunday, due to financial constraints. This is creating a huge problem for walkers. Sue will write a letter to Western Greyhound, copying in Bert Biscoe and the Parish Council.

Over 70's free Christmas luncheon. If any hotel, pub or restaurant would like to host this year's event please contact the Chamber before the end of September. Each year the Chamber makes a contribution and the amount will be discussed at the meeting in November. In previous years the Riverside have kindly and successfully hosted it and have agreed to do so again this year if no other business is interested.

Advertising Brochure. Ross looked into the cost of producing a similar booklet to the one Tintagel parish council had created. Production costs were 3.5k with a print run of 30k. After a short discussion it was felt this was not a feasible project to take on.

Walking Week – will run for 9 days starting last Friday in March. Sally welcomes any suggestions and help members can give.

Thanks – to Diane Bentall for all her work and involvement particularly with the food festival. This was her last meeting as she has now sold her business. Chris and Sally Searle for their input into the Boscastle promotional video.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER