



BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

Tuesday 11 February 2014 7.30pm Wellington Hotel

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Peter Dixon, Chris & Sally Searle, Debbie Bezant, Ross Yates, Simon Buxton, Nick Chater, Richard & Jackie Parsons, Sue Venning, Fred Hockin

Apologies: Jeff Cherrington, Denise & John Tillinghast, Sue Scott, Peter & Mary Buchanon, Ian & Carolyn Hoyle-Johnson

Election of Officers:

Chairman – Peter Dixon proposed by Sue, seconded Sally

Treasurer: Chris Searle proposed by Debbie, seconded Ross

Secretary: Sue Venning proposed by Debbie, seconded Ross

Membership Secretary: Ross Yates proposed by Nick seconded Simon

Executive committee members: Debbie Bezant, Nick Chater,

Treasurer's Report: Chris Searle presented the accounts for 2013 a copy of which will be included in the membership renewal pack due to be sent out shortly. It should be noted that since the Food Festival began 7 years ago over £50,000 has been given back to the community through its proceeds.

Constitution: Ross presented a draft of the new and amended constitution for approval, which subject to a few alterations was accepted and will be sent out to members.

Parish Plan: Questionnaires were sent out and received back and results are being analysed.

Walking Week: Preparations all going well for another successful event and response has been good. Please would all businesses advertise it on their own websites to raise the profile and encourage more visitors. For more information see website or contact Sally.

Car Park & Toilets:

GOOD NEWS!!!! CAR PARK SEASON TICKET PRICE REDUCED TO £250

Cornwall County Council have included Boscastle in a reduced season ticket price trial and dropped the yearly rate from £475 to £250 but tickets must be purchased by the end of March.

Due to perseverance, the toilets are now open throughout the winter 2013/14 but a decision has yet to be made on who operates them in the future.

Food Festival: Preparations are well in hand for another successful event with an exciting line-up planned. Costs are increasing and extra help is always needed.

Gig Club: The Boscastle and Crackington Haven club is growing in popularity and competitiveness. Despite them running two wooden gigs they need to purchase a fibreglass one, for training purposes on the lakes and have approached the BCTC for an interest free loan up to £1,000 to be paid back within 12 months. This was voted on and all were in favour.

Flood Anniversary: Countryfile have contacted Peter, as the producers are showing some interest in featuring Boscastle possibly in May. A meeting will be arranged to discuss it further.

Any other Business:

Additional signatories are required for the Chamber bank account so Debbie Bezant, Nick Chater and Sue Venning will be added

Denise Tillinghast suggested a donation be given to help flood victims. This was discussed and it was decided that no decision could be made until there was a specific fund.

Website, still investigating input from outside specialists.

Membership – will remain at £25, 1 vote per member but multiple businesses can be listed on the website for an additional £10.

It was agreed that the BCTC should join the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce at a discounted rate of £75

Christmas trees – need to nominate persons to be responsible for the lights for each tree. Debbie offered for the harbour one and Sue will speak to Nick Holmes

Dates of Next Meetings:

Tuesday 8 April

Tuesday 10 June

Tuesday 9 September

Tuesday 11 November

Tuesday 10 February