



BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

Tuesday 9 September 2014 7.30pm Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Peter Dixon, Chris & Sally Searle, Ross Yates, Nick Chater, John and Denise Tillinghast, Paul and Jacky Stedman, Margaret Pickering Vince Jerrison, Margaret Pickering, Simon Buxton, Ian Hoyle-Johnson, Steve Coombes, Judith Hewitt, Jacky Parsons, Sue Webster

Apologies: Debbie Beszant

Matters Arising from Last Meeting:

Membership is now up to 44

The Old Mill Gallery is now up and running

The anniversary of the flood was marked with a flower exhibition and concert at Minster church with thanks to Sally for creating a beautiful arrangement on behalf of the Chamber

Christmas: A date was agreed for carols around the Christmas Tree on 12 December at 6pm. Two trees will be purchased by the Chamber and Denise will investigate purchasing new lights for the tree at the top of the village.

Website: Overall pleased with the mock up but amendments and improvements are needed such as differentiating between accommodation providers and promoting them on a random basis rather than alphabetically. Members will be reminded if they have not already done so to send in a photo short blurb and link to website by e-mail to steve.c@razorsolutions.co.uk. If possible include availability calendar. The website should have an up to date events calendar as well as current photos and videos. Also highlight the Food Festival and Walking Week.

The Visit Boscastle website was creating a lot of traffic as well as using the Free to Book system both of which are a great benefit to many members. However there was slight concern about the Visit Cornwall website as it was felt it might either be privatised in the future or even no longer exist.

Food Festival: 2 – 4 October - Ticket sales are good for both the opening Gala evening and the Military Wives choir performance on Sunday. 17 chefs are booked including Nathan outlaw. It is hoped Radio Cornwall will once again promote the event especially as Daphne Skinnard is compering it. Park and Ride have been arranged as before and the organisers are looking forward to hosting yet another very successful event.

Walking Week: 18-24 April full programme of walks has been produced and posters will be sent out. It was suggested the event create its own domain/website.

Car Park and Toilets: Nothing new to report, parish council still trying to track down additional revenue and how it is being used/allocated. The toilets will remain open this winter. On many occasions the car park is full to capacity and it was felt the the Chamber should look into the provision of a regular Park and Ride system during the busy periods, to be discussed at a future meeting.

The Witchcraft museum will continue opening at weekends at during Christmas and New Year.

If any venue would like to host the OAPS Christmas luncheon please could they contact the Chamber as it is open to any establishment to offer to put on this worthy event.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 November