



BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

Tuesday 11 November 2014 7.30pm Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Peter Dixon, Chris & Sally Searle, Debbie Bezant, Ross Yates, Nick Chater, John and Denise Tillinghast, Paul and Jacky Stedman, Vince Peter and Judith Hewitt, Sue Webster

Apologies: Margaret & Morag, Steve Coom

Christmas 2014:

Two trees have been ordered and they are due to be delivered and erected on 6 December. The Parish Council will take responsibility for sorting out the hole for the tree at the top of the village. It was agreed to purchase new lights for the top tree with a budget of £250 and either Denise or Debbie will purchase suitable ones. The BCTC agreed to fund baubles for the primary school children at a cost of £85.20. The carol service around the tree will take place on Friday 12 December at 6pm. The Cobweb have kindly offered to provide mulled wine and Denise will organise mince pies and ask David Flower to take photographs. The event to be publicised on the BCTC web page.

Food Festival:

Once again another successful festival took place which raised funds for local clubs and charities. It is planned to give out between £2-3,000 to local clubs and organisations within the village, including coastwatch, first responders, art club, Camelford bus, football club, gig club, playschool, minster church and the scouts to whom it was suggested funding the cost of renting the hall for at least 3 months and if possible a year. This will be decided in full and detailed after the next Food Festival meeting. Surprisingly Tintagel Brewery who ran the bar reported making no money, therefore were unable to make a donation this year which obviously had an impact, so should be reviewed next year. The disparity between what the Military Wives Choir was paid and the Boscastle Boys was brought up, but there was clear justification the Choir alone enabled more tickets to be sold at a higher price.

Website:

All up and running at a cost of £1075 which includes 3 months hosting at a cost of £25 per month. After negotiation with Steve Coom it was agreed in the future to pay £12 per month for the hosting. Members will be asked again to provide updated photos and details of their own websites for inclusion. It is also a priority to amalgamate the websites for BCTC, Food

Festival and Walking Week into one which Steve will be asked to do. We also need to see how many visitors there are to the site so will request analytic data including a stat counter.

Car Park/Toilets:

A meeting of the Parish Council is due to take place on 13 November when yet again they will try and ascertain how much revenue was created by the extra 50p charge and the revenue from 20p's and how much if any can the PC claim back from the County Council. The main objective is to ensure the toilets remain open all year and Ross on behalf of the BCTC will attend the meeting and report back

Any Other Business:

The Museum of Witchcraft held a Pagan event on Halloween 31 October which was well attended and it was discussed that this could be an annual event encouraging more visitors and locals with ideas such as lantern making, mask making, fancy dress, prizes for the best pumpkin etc.

New Road. Traffic Lights will remain in situ until the end of March. The PC has been requested to ask if it is possible to remove the lights over the 2 week Christmas period when no work will be carried out.

A Feasibility Study on road calming and parking problems has been produced by the Parish Council which includes significant changes. This will be discussed at the PC meeting on 13 November and it is hoped to arrange a further public meeting with the highways to discuss this further and any implications it may have.

Fire Extinguisher Training and Testing. It was suggested this take place around March/April next year. Members will be e-mailed to establish their interest.

Free to Book. Further investigations will be made with regard to combined advertising of self-catering properties and B&Bs as it has worked successfully in other areas.

Congratulations to The Farm Shop on achieving the Gold Award.

Next Meeting – AGM 10 February