

BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 12th February 2020 Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ross Yates, Chris and Sally Searle, Claire Bailey, Denise and John Tillinghast, Jon Ward, Louise Smith, Michelle and Enzo, Simon Costin, Fergus, Roz Fentem, Debbie Beszant, Tim Dawe, Alison

Apologies: Leonara Smith, Selena, Steve C, Nick & Justine Chater, Brian Faulkner, Linda Masters

Quorum:

The acting chairperson Ross Yates notified the members that the meeting was quorate being that 8 members were presents of which 2 are from the current executive committee, therefore, the AGM continued. The membership thanked the officers and the wider membership for their dedication, hard work and goodwill over the last year.

Matters arising from the previous AGM: None.

Annual report

The chairperson gave a narrative annual report to the membership and expressed what an excellent year it had been.

Inspected accounts

The Financial Year of the BCTC starts on 1st January and end on 31st December each year. The outgoing Treasurer Chris Searle gave a narrative on the BCTC finances which a detailed statement is attached the minutes and will be sent to be audited externally of which a record will be handed to the secretary.

Membership

Membership currently stands at around 47. Membership fees for the coming year are fixed at each Annual General Meeting on recommendations to be made by the Executive. It was recommended and voted on that the present fees continue at £25.

Chris suggested the creation of an online payment service for/renewing membership via the website.

A reminder that subscriptions are due on 1st March and the membership secretary will notify existing members shortly which can be paid by BACS.

Election of officers

Executive Committee

Chairperson - (vacant) Ross expressed that he is happy to continue to act until such time a member steps forward but does not want to be tied to the role. Ross Yates proposed by Denise, seconded by Louise

Secretary - Claire Bailey proposed by Chris seconded by Louise

Treasurer - Chris Searle proposed by Ross seconded by Debbie
Membership - Jon Ward proposed by Claire seconded Ross

Co-opted: Debbie Beszant, Nick Chater, Fergus, Louise Smith, Roz

2020 meeting dates:

The following meetings have been set for the 2019 membership at 7.30pm at The Wellington Hotel

Wednesday 10th June

Wednesday 9th September

Wednesday 13th November

Wednesday 10th February 2021 (Annual General Meeting)

Should any additional activities or issues arise, additional meetings will be organised and publicised.

Commencement of the BCTC meeting:

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Saturday 7th March – Thomas Hardy Anniversary. If any one that would like to come to the Saturday night please e-mail Chris Searle for tickets as they are limiting them to 75 people at £15 each to include supper and the concert.

Notified business

Christmas

Members expressed their thanks to Debbie and Geoff for organising the Christmas trees again.

Geoff will continue to help for Christmas 2020 but this will be his last year organising the trees and lights. We are looking for someone to shadow him this December with the view to taking over the task from next year. Please speak to Debbie or Geoff if you can help.

Thanks also to Paul Stedman and Sue Webster for their continued support by allowing the use of their electricity and for storing lights. The BCTC will write letters of thanks to both.

Walking Week 2020

Advertising for 2021 needs to begin now to gain maximum exposure. The A frame board was successful.

Ross proposed a budget of £100 for Selena to use as she sees fit for personal walking week expenses as it is very costly for the organiser. Second by Roz

We would be very grateful if any members directly benefitting from walking week could see their way to subsidising Selena for meals etc.

Dark Gathering 2020

We are waiting for a conversation with Cornwall Council regarding the licensing. Louise volunteered to help Fergus with this. An executive committee meeting will take place after the discussion to plan next steps.

The National Trust will not give permission for the event to be held down the harbour again.

Road Closure

Two night road closure through the village from 7pm-7am from the 25th February.

The Museum of Witchcraft and Magic

It was noted that the Museum is 60 this year – 60 years since the museum doors opened in Boscastle.

What's App Traders Group

If you wish to be part of the What's App Traders Group please contact Louise at Bridge House. We will continue to use the App for emergencies and essential information sharing.

Any Other Business

Fire Extinguishers – if you have fire extinguishers which you need checking please get in touch with Chris Searle as the annual check will be carried out from the Old Rectory in the next couple of weeks. Date to be confirmed.

Insurance – Ross wished members to be aware of the increasing difficulty of obtaining insurance with flood cover, particularly on Bridge Walk. He has met with Scott Mann to address the issue and requested it is brought up in parliament.

Donation assistance for Revered Aston – It has been brought to the attention of the BCTC that Reverend Heather Aston has a limited funds which she can use to help families facing financial hardship. As the BCTC has monies remaining/set aside from the Food Festivals it was proposed to offer Heather the option of applying for monies to help families living with the PL35 post code area. The monies available will total no more than £200 pa. Proposed by Chris. Second by Simon

Should members wish to make donations; there are Food Bank boxes in the following locations:- Forrabury Church, Trevalga Church and Tintagel Church. Food can also be left in the Heather's garage which is always unlocked at Forrabury Rectory. If people could put a note in her door letterbox to say they have left food that would be more than helpful. One thing they are always grateful is toilet rolls as it is not a food and are expensive.

The food is distributed through the church at Camelford which is run from the Wadebridge Food Bank. This is done because of the distances involved. Any donations are always welcomed and Heather takes all the food to the foodbank herself as well as giving lifts to those who need to access the service.