

BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

Wednesday 13th November 2019 Wellington Hotel

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ross Yates, Chris Searle, Sally Searle, Jon Ward, Louise Smith, Michelle, Enzo, Kim, Paul Stedman, Alan, Fergus

Apologies: Claire Bailey

Lower Meadows – Retirement

Ross: Thanked Paul and Jackie from Lower Meadows for all their input into the BCTC and to village life in general, following their announcement of their retirement.

Boscastle Rocks

Ross: Reported on the succession at Boscastle Rocks, as Paul Taplin has handed over the running of the shop to his niece Tammy, continuing a family connection for the remainder of 2019 and into 2020.

Ross: MLM website – review of listing required

Walking Week 2020

Walking Week: no further updates, although all is going ahead for 2020 and it is a real bonus for the village.

Neighbourhood Plan

Neighbourhood Plan: no further updates.

Minibus BCIC

Minibus – nothing to report other than to consider that the revenue based on usage and the time taken by volunteers to drive the bus may lead to a decision to sell the minibus; Ross to update in due course. 1,334 individual journeys in 2018-2019

Christmas

Xmas Trees – Robin Haddy has the tree sourcing under control, but we are short of volunteers to erect and decorate the trees in each location. Dates of Monday 2nd and Friday 6th December have been set for doing this.

Thomas Hardy 150th Anniversary – Events in Boscastle

2020 marks the 150th anniversary of Thomas Hardy's trip to the area.

An interesting programme of events has been planned for the 150th Anniversary of Thomas Hardy's visit to St Juliot & Boscastle. These are planned for early March and will include walks and talks, one of which is delivered by Anne Knight, the Boscastle Archivist.

Dark Gathering 2020

Fergus from the Museum of Witchcraft reported that the National Trust have withdrawn their consent for the DG to happen on the Harbour for 2020 citing the difficulties with H&S in the harbour and Licensing, which the Museum has reported upon previously. The NT are keen to offer the Gathering a site to culminate in upstream, at the far end of the Cobweb Carpark and adjacent to the river path heading up the Valency. This is welcome in principle but as the 2020 date falls on 31st October, a Full Moon and Hallowe'en it is considered advisable to obtain advice from CC Licensing (which the Museum will pay for) on the subject of a full events license for the village which will allow for events above 500 in number. Should the council advice they would welcome this approach (as the event cannot continue to run on a TEN) then the committee will need to decide how to approach the application for this (as a premises license) as the museum cannot and will not be devoting any time for this on its own as it is not an events producer. Before this can happen, advice from Cornwall Council must be obtained.

Date of next meeting; AGM Wednesday 12th February 2020