

# **BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 9th February 2022 via Zoom**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Present:** Ross Yates, Chris Searle, Leonora Smith, Jon Ward, Nick Chater, Fergus Moffat, Debbie Beszant, Jon Scott, Gavin & Dawn Stride, Tim Daw, Adam Benjamin, Steve Coom, Louise Smith

**Apologies:** Claire Bailey, Roz Fentem

#### **Quorum**

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.

If there is any business facing continued hardship, I encourage you to reach out and talk confidentially with an Executive officer of the BCTC. The Executive committee of 2020 reacted quickly to the developments of COVID-19 and developed a system of bridging loans. My thanks to a very supportive Executive committee for coming together and working quick off the mark to support the entire membership during these hard time.

#### **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 49. 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 for the current year 2022, the present fees of £30 continue. However, if a member is willing to provide bank details so that future payments can be made by Direct Debit then the fee will be reduced to £20. A reminder that subscriptions are due on 1st March and the Membership Secretary will notify existing members shortly which must be paid by BACS, not cash or cheque. Huge thanks to Jon who has managed this role for the last few years. Huge progress has been made under his watch which will make the role much more admin friendly for the future.

#### **Proposals**

None

#### **Election of officers**

##### ***Executive Committee:***

Chairperson - Nick proposed, Adam second that Ross continue, all in favour.

Secretary - Ross proposed, Jon second for Claire to continue, all in favour.

Treasurer - Debbie proposed, Steve second for Chris to continue, all in favour.  
Membership - Ross proposed Gavin, Adam second, Gavin to the role, all in favour.

***Co-opted:***

Debbie Beszant, Nick Chater, Fergus Moffat, Louise Smith  
All proposed by Ross, seconded by Dawn Stride.

**2022 meeting dates**

The following meetings have been set for the 2022 membership at 7.30pm at The Wellington Hotel

Wednesday 8th June

Wednesday 14th September

Wednesday 9th November

Wednesday 11th February 2023 (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**

None

**Road Closure**

Please be aware that New Road, B3263, will be closed on 14th February 2022 for 2 days maintenance overnight from 7pm until 6am. Emergency vehicle access only.

**Loan liabilities**

The Gig Club repaid £1000 loan with £2000 remaining. Chris will follow up with the Football Club their last remaining loan repayment.

**EV charging update**

The project is in the final stages of liaising with Cornwall Council for the area opposite the Gateway building for 3 points to be installed. It is hoped that these will be installed before Easter. Whilst the allocated EV spaces will be where 2 disabled bays currently are, the Council have advised that gaining other spaces and making more disabled room will be considered. The project is scalable with 3 x 22kw units being installed with an option for more if required.

**Boscastle Walking Week**

Selena has advised by a written narrative that the programme of walks is completed and it is soon to be uploaded to the Visit Boscastle web page. The booking details will be going out on the next newsletter to the every growing mailing list. The CIC minibus will be in use every day of the 6 walking days and hopeful of covering the fuel costs and having a healthy profit over to help towards running costs. Menus and meal prices all in place To support Selena with expenses associated with the Walking Week, Debbie proposed an increased kitty of £150 for Selena to use. Nick seconded, all in favour.

**Social media**

Adam expressed a collective proposal regarding BCTC's social media presence. Adam offered to develop a Facebook group on behalf of the BCTC and invite members to interact to develop a presence with a report forthcoming for the next meeting. Gavin/Dawn offered to help Adam moderate the posts.

**Review of Christmas 2021**

Members expressed their thanks to Claire and Louise for organising the lobster pot Christmas tree and for the late night shopping bingo. It was a huge success and lots of people turned out. Thank you to John Forde, Richard Smith, Dawn and Gavin and Fred Hockin for helping to put up the trees. Thank you to Sue Webster for the continued support by allowing the use of their electricity for the top town tree. Claire has already messaged Sue regarding this. Thank you to Dan for supplying the lobster pots and the Boscastle Buoys for singing - both whom shall receive letters. An amazing evening.

### **Platinum Jubilee**

Ross attended a meeting at the Cobweb Inn regarding the village celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this coming June. Initial discussions centred around lighting a beacon at the NCI Lookout with a music and light show on Thursday; and the Duck Race, floral dance, Jubilee lunches and street parties over the weekend. Whilst the BCTC is not considering a coordinated business schedule, it is anticipated that some individual businesses will have individual events which will be published direct to the public. Any members wishing to advertise their promos early can forward to Cllr Steve Simmonds (see Forrabury and Minster Parish Council website for contact details) who is populating an article for the Boscastle Blowhole.

### **Any other notified business**

None.

### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 8th June 2022