

BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

Wednesday 9th November 2022 at The Wellington

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ross Yates, Claire Bailey, Dawn and Gavin Stride, Louise Smith, Debbie Beszant, Fergus Moffat, Simon Costin, Chris & Sally Searle, Adam Benjamin, Will, Rebecca.

Apologies: Steve Coom, Nick Chater, Michelle & Enzo, Penny, Roz Fenten, Deepak

Quorum

Chairperson Ross Yates notified the members that the meeting was quorate being that 10 members were present of which 2 are from the current executive committee, therefore, the meeting continued.

Matters Arising from previous meeting;

EV Charging - no further forward with this.

Commencement of the General meeting:

CHRISTMAS

Date for late night shopping and light switch on - Saturday 3rd December. Shops open until 6pm, lights switch on at 6.15pm

Boscastle Buoys and the Primary School will sing songs and carols.

School is making more decorations.

Louise will organise stamps for their bingo cards. Ross will get them printed asap.

Volunteers will be asked to post around the village like last year.

Adam proposed £60 for craft materials for school and stamps, 2nd by Sally. All in favour.

The event will be shared on social media. Please share on your business pages.

Help will be needed to build the 'tree' again this year.

Confirmed no tree for top town this year.

DARK GATHERING

Cassandra has sent an email outlining their wish to learn from this year's event and to work with a group to plan next year's event.

Issues raised;

Impact on parking for residents, staff/workers in the local businesses and other non-gathering visitors.

The event does not lead to increased revenue for ALL businesses. A small number benefit.

The event is organised within a closed social media group which is not inclusive and not an event for the local community.

Much work needs to be done on engaging with the local community.

Louise, Rebecca, Simon, Fergus would be happy to form a group to meet with the organisers to discuss the issues this year.

Please send any comments you may have on the event to myself. These will be used to inform discussions for any future event.

FIRST AID

We are still trying to find a cost-effective trainer to train members of the local community and BCTC members. If you have any contacts, please let us know.

The de-fib on the Nisa is currently inside the shop. It is being replaced but can be used if needed.

Any Other Notified Business

None

Date of the next meeting

Wednesday 8th February 2023 (Annual General Meeting) at 7.30pm at The Wellington Hotel.

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