

BOSCASTLE CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8th February 2023 at The Wellington

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Ross Yates, Chris & Sally Searle, Claire Bailey, Fergus Moffat, Debbie Beszant, Gavin & Dawn Stride, Deepak, Penny, Michelle & Enzo, Adam Benjamin,

Apologies: Louise Smith, Steve Coom, Brian Faulkner, Rita Bailey, Chris Key, Roz Fentem.

Quorum

Chairperson Ross Yates notified the members that the meeting was quorate being that 8 or more members were present 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.

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.

Ross thanked Debbie and Geoff Beszant for their help and contribution to the BCTC and the village. They have now retired with Naomi and Andy taking over the business.

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 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 2023, the present fees be £30 or Direct Debit £25.

Proposed by Gavin, all in favour.

A reminder that subscriptions are due on 1st March and the membership secretary will notify existing members shortly which must be paid by BACS or DD, not cash or cheque.

Election of officers

Chairperson - Ross Yates proposed by Chris, seconded by Adam

Secretary - Claire Bailey proposed by Ross seconded by Deepak

Treasurer - Chris Searle proposed by Ross seconded by Fergus

Membership - Gavin Stride proposed by Chris seconded Debbie

Ross and Claire are both acting in the role. If anyone would like to take the roles on, please get in touch.

Co-opted:

Nick Chater, Fergus Moffat, Louise Smith, Adam Benjamin

All proposed by Ross, seconded by Dawn. All in favour

2023 meeting dates

The following meetings have been set for the 2023 membership at 7.30pm at The Wellington Hotel

Wednesday 7th June

Wednesday 13th September

Wednesday 8th November

Wednesday 7th February 2024 (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

First Aid

We have two dates set for training to take place in the community centre. 3rd and 24th April. A separate email will be sent containing more details.

Fire Extinguisher Training

Chris mentioned fire extinguisher training. If anyone is interested, please get in touch,

Christmas

Members expressed their thanks to Louise and Claire for organising the Christmas lobster pot tree again and for Richard Smith, Fred Hockin, Ross Yates, Neil Morris, Alan Ross-Fry, Craig Perry, Sally Searle and Roz Fentem for helping to put up the trees.

Special thanks to the Boscastle Buoys and Boscastle Primary School for the singing.

Once again it was a great success with a big turnout.

Any Other Business

Electric charge points in the carpark

We are now waiting on a few assessments and final paperwork. 2 chargers will be installed.

Defibrillator

The defib located at Nisa has been replaced. The old one still works and Ross is looking to see if any business would like it. The Wellington expressed an interest.

Dark Gathering

The volunteer group met with the DG group and provided feedback on the last event and advice for going forward. The suggestion of holding the event in the lower end of the car park was taken up, with the DG contacting the council. The council have rejected this at the moment, but the DG have been encouraged to go back with a counter argument.

Ross proposed the BCTC supports the new location to add weight the DG proposal. Fergus seconded, all in favour.

Car Park Pricing

Cornwall Council is proposing a change to the car parking charge structure across Cornwall and has put out a consultation.

Our car park will change to 24 charges, instead of the 10am -5pm system.

BCTC proposes to write to CC to argue against theses as we feel it is detrimental to the residents and businesses.

Any Other Notified Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2023 7.30pm Wellington Hotel