

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 6th March 2024
The Wellington Hotel

Present: Adam Benjamin, Ray Nash, Gavin and Dawn Stride, Rita Bailey, Chris Searle, Alice Attlee-Grant, Jo Tapper, Jon Stewart, Ross Yates

1. Apologies: Louise and Richard Smith, Nick and Justine Chater, Michele and Enzo Taylor, Sally Searle, Jacky and Richard Parsons, Naomi and Andrew Templar, Steve Coom, Roz Fentem
2. 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. A warm welcome to new faces; Jo Tapper as the new landlady of The Napoleon Inn and Jon Stewart as the general manager for the National Trust for Newquay to Boscastle.
3. Minutes of the AGM
Agreed. Proposed by Ross. Seconded by Chris. All in favour.
4. Matters arising from the previous AGM
None.
5. 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. Special thanks to Claire for her service as the outgoing Secretary.
6. 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.
7. 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 2024, the fees be set at £25. Proposed by Adam, seconded by Chris, 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.

8. Election of officers

Chairperson - Ross proposed by Ray, seconded by Adam

Secretary - Nikki proposed by Chris seconded by Rita

Treasurer - Chris proposed by Ross seconded by Dawn

Membership - Gavin proposed by Ross seconded Simon

Co-opted:

Nick Chater, Fergus Moffat, Louise Smith, Adam Benjamin

Proposed by Jon, seconded by Alice. All in favour.

9. 2024 meeting dates

The following meetings have been set for the 2024 membership at 6.30pm at The Wellington Hotel:

Wednesday 12th June

Wednesday 11th September

Wednesday 13th November

Wednesday 12th February 2025 (Annual General Meeting)

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

COMMENCEMENT OF THE BCTC GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the meeting

Agreed. Proposed by Ross. Seconded by Fergus. All in favour.

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None.

3. Any other notified business

3.1 Electric charge points in the carpark

The legal documentation has been held up with Cornwall Council over a long period of time but has now been received. The changes to the project have occurred in line with the new public charging legislation so that contactless payment is the only method of interaction rather than app based downloads and EV wallets. Chris asked for further investigation relating to the grid infrastructure in case the project needs to be scaled up. The CIC hopes for the project to be online by the end of March.

3.2 Car park pricing

The Chamber has been working extensively with Cornwall Council and the divisional Councillor Barry Jordan to try and align the parking policy to best match the needs of

Boscastle. Charging times are continuing as the previous order and will continue to hinder self catering and serviced accommodation providers in the harbour area until such time that it can demonstrate that more consultation is required to change a future order.

Good news however...as of 1st April, the parking order allows for seasonal parking costs to be 50% off for Cornwall residents. The season tickets are available from April to drivers who live in Cornwall for 6, 7 or 12-month periods and are valid for use in one car park. For more information, see <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/parking/cornwall-council-car-parks/cobweb-boscastle-pl35-0he/>

3.3 Beautiful Boscastle

Adam reminded the group that BCTC member businesses can post once a week in the Beautiful Boscastle Facebook Group, which has 3,900 members.

Adam suggested that posts should aim to get the business on the radar of those people planning a trip to Boscastle. Posting about your business being a great place to stop off for breakfast whilst you are on holiday in Boscastle; or your business putting on lots of live music and traditional sea shanties will get your business on the radar of those many people who visit the Group because they are planning a summer trip to Boscastle. Posts that advertise special offers valid on a particular date will only interest those people that happen to be in Boscastle on that given date, and therefore those posts won't have as great a reach as those posts that advertise the benefits of your business more generally.

Adam also advised that the Beautiful Boscastle group will not approve posts about lost dogs or other village-specific non-tourist related news. Those posts should be directed to the Events & Happenings in Boscastle group.

3.4 Boscastle Sound

It was discussed that without the Boscastle Blowhole, the CIC has an online publication that is sent out automatically each month to subscribers. Members may wish to consider contributions to further advertise their business for the readership. More information at www.boscastlesound.co.uk

3.5 National Trust

Members highlighted that visitors often mistake that there are multiple venues for public toilets. It was discussed that businesses in the harbour area with support of the National Trust may wish to consider information boards in the harbour area that expressly signpost that the only toilets are at the car park.

4. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 6.30pm at The Wellington Hotel. Please note the new start time going forward.