

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 12th February 2025
The Napoleon Inn

Present: Nicki Culver and Ray Nash, Gavin and Dawn Stride, Louise Smith, Chris Searle, Jo Tapper, Ross Yates, Nick Chater, Fergus Moffatt and Simon Costin

1. Apologies: Adam Benjamin, Rita Bailey, Jon Stewart, Michele and Enzo Taylor, Steve Coom
2. Quorum
Chair 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.
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 chair 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 times. The Chair expressed deep sadness at the passing of Sally Searle, recognising her invaluable contributions to Boscastle and the Chamber, with a lasting legacy of dedication and service.
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 2025, the fees be set at £25. Proposed by Chris, seconded by Nick, 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 Fergus

Secretary - Nikki proposed by Fergus seconded by Dawn

Treasurer - Chris proposed by Nick seconded by Fergus

Membership - Gavin proposed by Ray seconded Nick

Co-opted:

Nick Chater, Fergus Moffat, Louise Smith, Adam Benjamin

Proposed by Ross, seconded by Ray. All in favour.

9. 2025 meeting dates

The following meetings have been set for the 2025 membership at 6.30pm at a venue to be determined nearer the date:

Wednesday 11th June

Wednesday 10th September

Wednesday 12th November

Wednesday 11th February 2026 (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 Christmas

Thank you to the Members who worked hard to organise and run the tree and shop bingo along with the Boscastle Buoys and the children of Boscastle School. The CIC was able to host the event saving on insurance costs of over £200. Thank you to Jack Schultz who fixed the lights that went out over the festive time along with Fred Hockin and Craig Perry who helped ensure the tree was built.

3.2 Equality, diversity and inclusivity training

The EDI training due to be conducted in January was cancelled due to extreme weather. It was hoped that it would be rearranged for the end of March. More details will follow.

3.3 BCTC historical documentation

Chris highlighted that he is storing a considerable amount of paperwork spanning 21 years. After discussion, Ross proposed, seconded by Chris, that the previous 7 years would be kept but the remaining years to be destroyed. All in favour.

3.4 Boscastle CIC

There is a community consultation regarding public toilets in Boscastle. Cornwall Council have withdrawn the levy which supported their operation. Therefore, they are in danger of closing unless another resolution can be found. Several Members expressed that they would be willing to support a donation but that it would not amount to the missing levy that the Cornwall Council previously supplied. It was encouraged that all businesses should participate in the consultation. It was proposed by Ross, seconded by Fergus, that the Chamber of Commerce strenuous request a public toilet provision is still operated and maintained in Boscastle. All in favour. It will discuss more with businesses at the next meeting if there is an avenue for businesses to support in an individual way.

4. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 6.30pm at a venue to be determined nearer the time. Please note the new start time going forward.