

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 13th November 2024
The Wellington Hotel

Present: Ray Nash and Nicki Culver, Gavin and Dawn Stride, Louise Smith, Sally and Chris Searle, Ross Yates, Adam Benjamin, Nick Chater, Jo Tapper, Annie Edwards and John Doener, Helen Waters

1. Apologies: Jon Stewart, Fergus Moffat, Roz Fentem, Rita Bailey, Alice Attlee-Grant, Steve Coom
2. Quorum
The chair notified the members that the meeting was quorate being that 8 members were present of which 2 are from the current executive committee, therefore, the meeting continued.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
Agreed. Proposed by Ross. Seconded by Gavin. All in favour.
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting
Fergus was at the meeting and the minutes need to be updated to reflect this.
5. Any other notified business
 - a. Christmas
Bingo cards and leaflets have been printed and are in the process of being distributed around the village. Insurance is being covered by Boscastle CIC as the hosts of the event. The lobster pot tree is to be built from Monday 2nd December at 11am. All helping hands welcome. Louise advised that the school and Boscastle Buoys are preparing their songs, and everything is in place for it to be a successful evening. Louise left the meeting. Helen joined the meeting.
 - b. Criminal activity
Adam highlighted how the recent criminal activity associated with the Toby Jug has highlighted a lacklustre response from the Police. Ray confirmed that the timeline of events since the theft has been frustrating and at a slow pace. Others expressed that they had thought that the policing in the area had declined and that the Chamber should communicate this to the police and local authority. It was proposed by Adam, seconded by Gavin that a letter be sent accordingly. All in favour.

c. Community group funding

Adam queried if there are funds from the Chamber that could be allocated to community groups within Boscastle. Historically, there have been some community groups which have approached the Membership with viable fundraising plans who have been offered short term loans and these are taken on a case-by-case basis.

d. Training

Ross highlighted that recent changes in case law have made it essential for business owners and staff to receive in-person Equality and Diversity training. This updated requirement reflects the importance of face-to-face engagement in understanding and implementing these vital principles effectively in the workplace. Much the same as the first aid offering, there will be an invite to Members and their team to attend a training session in January tailored specifically for local businesses. This training will cover all aspects of Equality and Diversity, ensuring your business is compliant and fostering an inclusive environment for employees and clients alike. This is an invaluable opportunity to stay compliant with current legislation while actively supporting a positive and respectful workplace culture. More information will be sent out by email in due course.

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 6.30pm at The Riverside - not the Wellington Hotel due to refurbishment works. This will be the AGM with a general meeting to follow. Should any additional activities or issues arise, additional meetings will be organised and publicised.