



## Minutes of the Chamber Meeting

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – Churchill Bar, Wadebridge

**Present:** Sarah Prosser, Adrian Jones, Stephen Knightley, Stephen Frankel, Dominic Walford, Philip Mutton, Nick Shelley, Tony Rush, Lizzie-Jane Frankel, Rupert Wilson, Nicola Brooks, Claire Sandercock, Laura Knightley (minutes)

**Apologies:** Randy Henderson, Jason Henderson, Richard Alexandra, Grenville, Anna, Rob (book shop) Steve Combe, Mel (arty crafts) Chris Hewitt, Mike Walford (Folk Festival)

**Minutes from the previous meeting agreed**

### Treasurers Report

There is currently £2,392 in the bank, this includes the subscriptions. We still have to pay Jolly Ball £1,057. We are still waiting for people to pay their subscriptions; we rely on the subs for all the year's outgoings. As discussed previously subscriptions will now have to be paid on January 1<sup>st</sup> with a pro rata reduction for those joining mid-year. **Anyone who has not paid already please do so as soon as possible.** A charity donation to the Royal Cornwall Show of £250 has been paid already. We have £1,300 of fees from the Royal Cornwall Show that will be sent from the Advertiser as soon as the last bill has been settled.

**Police Report** – There were no police present at this meeting.

### Camel River Festival

All the plans are on track for the festival. Dominic is doing the risk assessments which should be completed by the end of the week. The Padstow Harbor safety cover has now been documented. Posters and canvases have now been done and are now ready to be displayed, 1,000 flyers have also been printed. We haven't been able to spend as much on advertising this year due to a sponsorship

from Coop community grant not been awarded, as yet. (Coop will be discussing the grant in their September meeting) The banners have had last year's date amended by Shoe Boy and they are ready to be put up. Nick and Philip have volunteered to put these up in the usual places. We are still looking for sponsorship for the event, advertising starts at £50 for a banner to be displayed in the marquee. Entry forms for the raft race are available from the website. We still need to source scaffolding poles and fencing to put around the generator, sound desk and front of stage. The Town Council have kindly offered to provide metal tracking for the back stage area if the weather is bad to stop the ground being churned up – a big thank you to them.

We are going to provide a big notice board giving local restaurants the opportunity to tell people about any “meal deals” on offer. If any local businesses are interested in doing this they need to get their posters in by 7<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Website Update**

We are currently waiting for web developers to send out forms. We are hoping to get Mary Portas to come to Wadebridge! There has been talk of Wadebridge taking part in the “Inside Out Scheme”. This is where traders have gazebos outside their shops giving Wadebridge a market feel. Philip has agreed that there can be children's rides on the Platt. Guy thinks this is a great idea and the production team are desperate for a successful Portas story! We will hear more in September but it should give Wadebridge great publicity.

### **Folk Festival**

This year's line up is set to be more International! This year there will be a Brazilian artist, to coincide with the Cornish mining link for years ago. Barnecutts have been asked to do special spicy pasties! Wadebridge Wines will have acoustic sessions in their car park. Cornish Orchids are this year's main sponsor and are putting their package together. The North and Mid Cornwall Advertisers are going to do a centre page pull out which will act as a program for the Folk Festival linked in with The Camel River Festival. This will save on cost and be a great way of advertising. This will save £1,000 of advertising and it will also include other events taking place in August. It will go to 88,000 homes which should help to boost ticket sales.

### **Winter Warmth, Music and Arts – Lizzie-Jane Frankel, W-hub**

This event will be an opportunity for local artists and musicians to showcase their work in Wadebridge. It is to be held during the week of October half term to coincide with the firework display at the Rugby Club. We would like to create a procession of lights to lead up to the Rugby Club before the main display. The week will include;

- Walk in the woods
- Bonfires
- Story telling
- As existing event at Hays Farm

- Anna, Marie Murphy – writing sessions followed by performances
- Art exhibitions with a third of spaces available to local people.

Lizzie will email the details to Sarah.

## AOB

- Sarah has spoken to Michael from “Shoppers Utopia” . He is creating an App which will help local businesses to get online. Shoppers Utopia takes information from local businesses about any offers they have on. It lets people use their App to find shops near to them that are selling things they have searched for. Local businesses wanting to use this service are to pay a subscription of £150 for 6 months. Members of the Chamber of Commerce receive a 40% discount. Michael is hoping to launch this App in August.
- Sarah also discussed a new service provided at Poole Innovation Centre. They are called Two Legal Services. They will come and review your business and operate on a “no win – no fee basis” Sarah will email Adrian information.
- Philip said that a few are unhappy that there are signs by Tesco and Bore roundabout saying that “The Town Will Be Closed On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August” This is not true as the town centre roads will just be closed for the carnival. Tony has agreed to look in to this.
- Superfast Cornwall are currently working to see what impact it will have locally. The first meeting will be this Friday. 30 local businesses are working on a trial period. There will then be a formal process to see who will get it. To express an interest in being involved contact WREN.
- No updates regarding Sainburys/Section 106.
- Ship Inn is set to open for August Bank Holiday. They have been providing a “Pop up restaurant” at St Kew Harvest Shop doing 7 courses for £35. These have been a great success.
- Car park charges to be carried over to next months meeting agenda.

We have agreed to have a summer meeting. This will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> August**.

**Dates of Chamber Meetings: 21st August (then 18<sup>th</sup> September, 16th October, 20th November, 18th December, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July)**

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