



Minutes of the Chamber Meeting

Wednesday 16th September 2013 – Churchill Bar, Wadebridge

President: Mr D Walford
Chair: Mr A Jones
Vice Chair: [Position Vacant]
Hon. Secretary: Mr D Rowe
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs N Brookes

Present: Adrian Jones, Dominic Walford, Nicola Brooks, Nick Shelley, Natasha Kowalski, Philip Grant, Emma Lydon, Claire Sandercock, Mel Hardie, Rupert Wilson, Tony Rush

Minutes taken by: Laura Knightley

Minutes from the last meeting read and agreed.

However, Adrian wanted to clarify that “What we are about” is still high on the agenda and that we will have a full discussion in January.

Heartsafe

Dave and Ben kindly attended the Chamber meeting to discuss Heartsafe. Their aim was to promote public access to defibrillators. They carried out a demonstration showing how the defibrillators have both visual and audible instructions making it user-friendly. The smart Heartsafe cabinet links with the CAD system as soon as you dial 999. The device remains charged by being wired to the building its attached to. The Heartsafe smart cabinet costs £2,900 + VAT. They are hoping to have more than one in all towns.

Police Report

Phil Chanter is leaving the Wadebridge team. The Chamber wishes him the best of luck as he trains to be a full police officer and thank him for all the hard work he has put in to his role. Phil was stationed at Wadebridge when PCSO's were first introduced. We welcome his replacement Pete Sabet.

Superfast

Emma came to the Chamber meeting to discuss Superfast and the work they are doing with WREN. Emma discussed the need to put together case studies of residential and businesses with and without Superfast and how it affects daily business lives. They also want to research the environmental benefits of Superfast. Workshops will be held in town for businesses to attend, there will be a guest speaker to discuss how Superfast:

- how it makes you money
- understanding of your IT set up
- how to get the best of your technology
- unique benefits to individual businesses

- use of data – storage in the ‘cloud’
- and much more

Emma said how the research project really needs to capture the effects on the community of Wadebridge. Superfast have opened a forum so everyone can discuss their experiences.

Treasury Report

All in all things are looking good. At the moment there is £7,000 in the bank; however it’s not all ours! We owe £1,570 to Jolley Ball, £500 for Christmas, £3,000 Portas money for website leaving us with a spare £2400 to commit to Christmas fireworks, cherry picker and entertainment. We are still waiting for a retrospective donation from the Co-op of £2,000.

Steve Knightley has also donated £1,000 from his community chest, Gynn's Construction and Bradford Quay have each donated £250 and the Town council has put forward £2,000, all for the town’s Christmas lights.

So far there has been a good response to subs although there are more to collect. The 2014 subs will be clearer with invoices being sent out in January.

Christmas

Lights – Adrian wrote a letter to the North Cornwall Advertiser to appeal for donations towards the Christmas lights, we have however raised the money from sources listed previously.

The Just-Giving page is on a time limit and we need to hit a target of £2,500 before any money is released. We will ask the people that have donated on the Just-Giving page to pay us directly. There is currently around £500 to collect.

The North Cornwall Advertiser article accidentally implied that Davey Electrical passed on costs incurred when they were handling recurring problems with the bridge lights due to the weather. In fact, they did not pass on any such costs, as we offer our apologies to Nigel and Stefan for this mistake.

Agreed not to be responsible for the lights next year.

The Christmas festival will be over the weekend of December 13th/14th
On Friday there will be fireworks/street entertainment/bands and other music.

On Saturday the Wadebridge Creative Hub are doing a “Strictly Come Wadebridge”, 11-14 year olds will be doing a flash mob stepping put of shops in Wadebridge. There will be random things happening around the town – fox trotting/jive. There will be workshops taking place the weekend before. Expected costs are:

- £50 for the dance instructor
- publicity costs
- Allowance for sundry other payments
- agreed budget of £250- £300

If it works this year we can grow on it next year. All agreed.

Tony has pledged that parking will be free over the weekend – this will be advertised.

St Minver Silver Band will also be playing.

We are looking for someone to set up/run the grotto. CRB not 100% necessary as parents stay with their children. The Glasshouse have offered the outside area for use of the grotto

Laura has offered to be a grotto helper.

AOB

The Chamber welcomed Allium. They sell locally grown plants and flowers, organic seeds, fair trade items, home ware, gifts, local art, cards. They have a grow your own ethos and their stock is good for the environment. They did a market stall last Christmas and their business has grown from there. Allium have agreed to bring some information about the Totally Local Scheme to next month's meeting.

Do we want newsletters to help promote what we do? We can use it to help people get involved – bite size bits of information to keep people interested?

Reminder from Paul Tofi – Remembrance Sunday meeting at 10am near the bowling hall on Sunday 10th November to follow a possession to Egloshayle Church.

25/27th October there will be a book festival at Daymer.

The Ship Inn's Christmas menu is now available.

For anyone that is self employed/works alone and would like a works Christmas lunch contact Adrian.

We still need to recruit a vice chair.

Folk festival 2014 fund raising concert 9th November, tickets are £10 available from the book shop.

Date of next meeting 18th December (then January 15th 2014, February 19th, March 19th, April 16th)