



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 19th September 2012 – Churchill Bar, Wadebridge

President: Mr D Rowe

Chairman: Mr D Walford
Vice Chairman: Mrs S Prosser
Hon. Secretary: Mr A M Gregan
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs A Jackson

Present: Dominic Walford (Chairman/Sticky Fingers/NCA), Sarah Prosser (Local Eyes, Vice Chair), Rupert Wilson (Seafood Restaurant & PATBF), Jenna Heywood (Ann's Cottage and Minute Taker), Phillip Mutton (Trebor Estates), Stephen Frankel (Carhart Mill & WREN), Guy Brindle (Good Guy Investigation), Rachel Daniel (One Step Ahead), Tony Rush (Wadebridge Town Council Mayor), Darren Lewarne (NatWest), Jason Henderson (Elixir), Randi Henderson (Elixir), Harriet Wild (Town Council), Chris Hewitt (Picture & Coffee House), Stephen Knightley (Wadebridge Town Council), Debbie Morton (Wren), Rhoven Yoki (Fusion), Liz & Steven Drakeley (Kernow Chef), Richard Alexander (Alexander & Co), Phil Chanter (Devon & Cornwall Police), Robin Moorcroft (Devon & Cornwall Police), Brian Kennelly (Spyrys Spa & Hot Tubs)

Apologies: Darren Rowe (Stand-in one-legged Pirate & Riverside Financial Planning), Anna Davidson (Wadebridge Bookshop), Rob Burton (Wadebridge Bookshop), Carol Bourne (Indigo), Grenville & Susan Stanbury (Kittows), Nicola Brooks (Brooks & Jeal accountants)

Minutes from August's meeting were proposed as accurate by Sarah Prosser and seconded by Jason Henderson.

Dominic welcomes some new faces to the chamber, who will be introduced later on in meeting.

Matters Arising

Camel River Festival - 18th & 19th August

There was fantastic feedback from those that attended the festival, Sharps Brewery and the Co-op were pleased with the *outcome and will sponsor the event again next year.*

The chamber would like to say a special thank you to: Sharp's Brewery, Co-operative Membership, PATBF, Visit Cornwall, Sharps, Cooperative Membership, PATABF, Visit Cornwall, Matchbox, the Bookshop, Riverside Financial, Camel Kayak Club, Padstow Harbour Commission, Sound guys, Sam Williams, Jo Hope, Zanzig Yurts, the Camels rugby club, WB Wines, Rupert and anyone else we have forgotten.

Next year the event will be held on the weekend of August 10th & 11th. Next year they are hoping to have two raft races as Dom thinks that many more people will want to enter after the event being well received this year.

Dom and Sarah are happy to announce that the festival did actually make a profit of £374 which was unexpected. Stephen Frankel on behalf of the entire chamber pays a huge and special thanks to Sarah and Dom for all their efforts and for making the event a success.

Sarah would like people to start thinking about whether they would like to cater for next year's event; she would like to open it up to local businesses, so please think about whether this is something you would like to do, ready for when preparations start for next year.

Jolley Ball – 8th September - The Pavilion Centre at the Royal Cornwall Showground

There was again, fantastic feedback from the event. Due to the night being sold out and the auction the chamber raised £2700, this will be divided and 50% goes to Fiona's charity of choice – Cornwall Hospice Care and 50% to the chamber.

A special thank you goes to Sarah again for all her hard work. Dom reads out a lovely email from Fi to say that Andy would have been very humbled by the occasion and she thanks all who were involved and all the friends that attended. The Jolley Ball will be back again next year with plans to possibly make it nearer Christmas.

Cornwall Folk Festival

The Folk Festival did unfortunately make a loss this year. To help recover these there will be a series of fund raising events which will be coming up. Please support these to help them recoup the losses so next years can be built on. There was good feedback from the acts and street entertainment. The festival will move back to the bank holiday weekend next year. A meeting is planned soon to discuss next year and Dominic will help more fundraising and advertising for next year.

WREN & The Wadebridge Pound Scheme (WR)

The Wadebridge Pound Scheme has now kicked off. Stephen tells us that Bristol have started to do a similar scheme the 'Bristol Pound'. The idea of the scheme is for the households to benefit from low carbon projects and to keep money in Wadebridge. There are two ways you can earn WR's at the moment and that is to claim your free home insulation or buy an iOn electric car from Hawkins Motors.

WREN have had a grant from 'Energy Share' which will mean that WREN can properly print the WR Notes with watermarks and embossing, this will greatly reduce the risk of counterfeit notes. The risk would be very small as you may as well copy a real £20 rather than a WR! The key is that everyone knows what they are, that they are not transferrable and that no change will be given unless the individual businesses give them a credit note. If you are interested in insulating your home and thus receiving WR25 to spend in Wadebridge Shops then pop into the Energy Shop on the Platt. The insulation is open to any home, whether you live in Wadebridge or otherwise, although the WR can only be spent here. You will then have a short survey to see if your house needs insulation and then the insulation can be installed professionally and for free. You have until the 5th November to sign up, although the work can be carried out after this date.

Rachel asks - how many people have signed up so far? Stephen says that with summer it hasn't been the best time, although WREN are aiming for 700 households to sign up.

Dom also spoke to those interested in getting solar panels. He has been looking at them for Sticky Fingers Nursery, for 10 kilowatts of solar panels, WREN will help pay for a third and it will generate income into the social fund. So if you are interested but worried of the financial effects there is a way round it. Contact the energy shop for more information.

Membership to WREN is just a £1, it is completely owned by its members so if you joined you would have just as much say as anyone, so if you are not already a member, please join [here](#).

LAG

Sarah tells us that she has been looking into gaining funding from LAG (Local Action Group). As the Portas Pilot Bid was unsuccessful, this will be taking the same ideas and putting pen to paper and filling in a form for LAG to try and receive the funding needed to develop Wadebridge. The main ideas that would require funding are; a Town Centre Manager, Market Stalls, Rickshaws and an all-encompassing website. Sarah will be tidying up the ideas and ticking the boxes needed to apply. Dom says that there was also another tier to the Portas Pilot Bid, a smaller fund but they will also express their interest in that.

Low Carbon Workshop

Dom asks when would be the best time for people to attend a low carbon workshop run by the Eden projects Outreach Officer Paul Holmes. This did not receive much of a reaction from the Chamber, but it is crucial if Wadebridge is going to become a low carbon town, it needs the backing of everybody. Light snacks would be provided for those willing to attend. There are huge money saving initiatives for those willing to embrace a low carbon business, so Debbie is to send Sarah a brief email of the basics of what people need to know to be passed on to the local businesses.

Cornwall Food & Drink Festival

This huge festival in Truro is thinking about moving location, Dom has spoken to Ruth Huxley who runs the festival about having the weekend in Wadebridge! There are logistical issues which Dom is sure there can be solved. There are 3 or 4 areas that can be suitable; Wadebridge Wines have offered their car park for a small donation, plus there are Jubilee fields and the possibility of stalls down Molesworth Street. Parking could be sorted somewhere like the private field opposite Tregonning's, with shuttle buses if needed. The chamber takes this idea positively, as Stephen says it will be much nicer here and restaurants, delis can all do special offers to promote. Randi says it will be a great way to bring people into the town and Harriet says we can make it work! Stephen says there could be a possibility of free parking, similar to the Christmas Weekend. Dom is going to go on a fact finding missions and present ideas to Ruth.

Royal Cornwall Show

The accounts are done and this year the chamber did charge membership with the cost of a stall. This means the total profits were £1300, which is very successful. £250 was donated back to the RCS fund and the rest put in the 'Christmas Light' pot

along with the profits made from the Jolley Ball and River Festival. This brings the Chamber fund to about £4500, so Christmas Lights will be discussed at the next meeting.

CCTV

Due to the large number of break in's this year, (17 in total, that's more than the last 5 years put together). The Chamber would like everyone to act. It seems that thieves are become increasingly aware that the town is not under any surveillance.

The idea is that the chamber uses its joint strength to deter thieves and take it upon themselves to install CCTV cameras in their shops and offices, the police have kindly donated £1000 towards the scheme and the chamber will also donate money. Chris from Picture and Coffee House and Matchbox have gone half each on a system for £250 each. Chris tells us more; he says that the system they have bought is an 8 camera system, the cameras have motion sensors, they can be set to record at certain times and they can ring you on your smart phone when anything is detected. Rachel points out that these will be in the shops and not in the street? Chris says that they will share the cameras so that they have three internally, plus one outside each shop, meaning that quite a wide range of Molesworth Street will be covered, if every business was to install the system with a camera out on the street it would mean a large amount of the high streets could be covered.

Chris is having his installed on Sunday; he will be happy for anyone to come and have a look once finished (and enjoy a pizza from his new pizza oven!). Chris would also be happy for anyone to get a quote for the installation from his handyman and he will be on hand to advise you with any technical issues. He said that you will need a hard drive to record the footage, you can get one inexpensively which will record 1-2 months of footage. It is a simple system for a little cost, however with technology these days the quality of the images is good. As Dom says the scheme is more a deterrent to stop the crimes, rather than to be used as evidence. If everyone agrees and install the CCTV, the chamber will generate extreme media attention which will in turn deter future crime.

Stephen Knightly thinks that the chamber should be able to apply for a small grant from the council; however Tony the Mayor, thinks that the Town Council will be unable to, as rules within the council says that CCTV benefits the individual businesses and not the community as a whole. Jason from Elixir disagrees and says it will benefit the security of the town and all the residents within, as the CCTV would also deter violence in the streets. Jason says it is fair to say that the council should be able to allocate funds to support a CCTV scheme. Tony says that previously, when the council did fund the old CCTV that they asked for donations from businesses to no avail, which meant that the council decided on withdrawing the system and use the money on benefitting the town in another way. Jason would like official questions asked to the Town Council regarding this matter, Dom will arrange for a formal meeting with the Town Clerk to see if they could grant the chamber money towards the CCTV.

Hopefully it won't come down to this, but if you did ever have to supply the Police with footage from your CCTV as evidence, it can easily be downloaded from your hard drive onto a disc or similar. Chris would help anyone that needed it and the police do have spare discs.

Tony says that renewing Wadebridge's CCTV is on the Council's agenda, however an external system costs £35,000 which means its unlikely to go ahead. Where individual systems would be costing the businesses £200-300. As Chris says for £300 the technology is really good and is everyone joins together, the majority of the town can be covered. As Harriet points out, law says that the Pubs have to have their own CCTV so it is a case of filling in the gaps. Jason says that a £40 wireless panoramic camera in his old shop in Bodmin was used as evidence in a break in to the neighbouring shop, although he wasn't sentenced the Police were able to identify the criminal from this footage and deter him from ever attempting again, proof that a simple CCTV can work!

A few final points were that Richard Alexander says that you may be able to claim tax back, Phillip says to think about the angle of the cameras installation, bearing in mind that the criminals will often be wearing "hoodies" and to possibly have them on the floor to catch their faces. Dom says that Wadebridge will be the first town in the country to do this – therefore bringing great media coverage, it is sure to make the TV!

Moving forward, Dom will arrange a meeting with the town clerk, following this he would like anyone interested to contact him within two weeks. He would like to act quickly and by the next chamber meeting be ready to place an order. With the combined strength of the town, the inexpensive CCTV system and the chambers media skills, the chamber believes a real difference can be made to the security of Wadebridge.

If you would like to install CCTV please contact Dom within the next few weeks on dominic.nca@gmail.com or mobile number: 07875760933

Crime Prevention Report / 15.08.12 – 19.09.12

Molesworth Street

4 crimes reported, a burglary at Fusion where £1000 worth of watches were stolen, a fraud, shoplifting in the Co-op and a serious assault at The Swan. The suspect of the assault was arrested and is on bail and he has been banned under the Pubwatch for two years. (Last year there were two reported crimes)

The Platt

2 offences were recorded, both being serious assaults outside the Cinema on the evening of the 18th August. This was not related to the River Festival. 2 persons have been arrested and are currently on police bail pending further enquiries. (Last year there were also 2 crimes)

Eddystone Road

3 offences were recorded, these include an attempted burglary at Ann's Cottage, a theft at Ann's Cottage and an assault. (No crimes were recorded last year)

Polmorla Road

1 crime recorded, which was criminal damage to the Old Tregagles Bakery building. A male was arrested and is currently on bail. Last year 2 crimes were recorded for the same period.

Southernway

The Police are still getting calls of Anti-Social behaviour in the Southernway area of Wadebridge. Youths are gathering in the evening, littering, riding their bikes in and out of parked cars, traffic etc. The Police are looking at applying for a Dispersal Order however it is doubtful on the merits of an order. 40 letters have been delivered to residents and there has been approximately 7 replies. Today Robin and Phil have met with Mr Weeks from the Betjeman centre to discuss options and a way forward. We have arranged a meeting this Friday at Higher Tenant to push for the Skate/BMX park to go ahead as the youth of the town need something to do if they have no sporting interest. Dom will be attending this meeting.

Egloshayle Road

Following complaints of parking, Phil and Robin delivered over 60 letters to the residents explaining the complaints and the possible actions that could be taken. They had a number of replies, the majority being supportive. Robin has arranged a meeting with Councillor Brewer, the Mayor-Councillor Rush and Paul Allen from Highways to look at removing some of the flowerbeds to provide additional parking spaces.

Robin and Phil on behalf of Devon & Cornwall Police, would like to congratulate the Chamber, Dom, Sarah and Rupert on the success of the River Festival and they will look forward to being involved again next year, also the Jolley Ball was a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining evening.

Robin would also like to add that Abdul from Raj, who is always a good supporter of the town, is going on a charitable trip to Bangladesh to give something back to where he came from. He would like donation of clothing as he is shipping a few containers over, so please support him by donating any clothes you can spare.

Treasurers Report

Nothing to report this month as Ann was away. If you have not yet paid up for the year it is £50, a new application is available please click [here](#).

Any Other Business

Support Letters

As part of the LAG funding, Sarah needs letters of support from businesses and the community about the Camel River Festival. If you could take the time, please write an email of support to Sarah or Dom, email addresses can be found at the end of the minutes. Stephen says that Kate could comment on the amount of phone calls and comments she received, he will organise this.

Michael Scott Photography

Following Mikes photography at the Jolley Ball he is willing to do similar fund raising sessions to raise money for the Cornwall Hospice Care. He is offering a photo shoot for a charitable donation of £10; this will include a one hour session with a 10 x 8 framed photo to take away. During the photo shoot (which is usually £50) he will take lots of photos in his relaxed, natural style and then you can choose a favourite. For more information call 01841 541201 or visit Mike's website: www.michaelscottphotography.co.uk

Jason suggests a Chamber Calendar (Calendar Girls style!)?!

New member introductions

New members Debbie Morton, Brian Kennelly & Steven & Liz Drakeley are welcomed. Debbie is an intern for WREN, she will be with them for 6 months and she'll be visiting local businesses to help them with ways to reduce bills through low carbon ideas. Steven & Liz are run a catering business '[Kernow Chef](#)', plus they have recently started working in inflatables. They were invited to the Chamber meetings by Sarah as they can help supply bouncy castles for the chambers fundraising events. Brian runs [Spyrys](#), a Spa and Hot Tub company who have just opened a show room in Dunveth, Wadebridge (opposite Tesco). They have an open day this Saturday 22nd September to celebrate the opening of the new hot tub showroom from 2-6pm.

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Stephen gives us an update on the Neighbourhood development plan and invites everyone to attend an exhibition in the town hall on Friday 13th October.

This is very important as it means you as an individual and household have a say in what goes on with the future development of Wadebridge. Stephen, Tony, the Town Council, the adjoining parishes of St Breock and Egloshayle and the Chamber of Commerce are all involved, it's about us as a community deciding where we want the developments to go. By 2023, 800 new homes will be built in our area and without our input it will be up to the council to decide where they go. 3 questionnaires are being sent out; one for households, one for businesses and a simplified version for local school children. Please look out for them towards the end of September and voice your opinions. You can also find the form online.

Neighbourhood Development Exhibition: Friday 13th October in the Town Hall.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th October 2012 at the Churchill Bars (upstairs) 5.45pm – all are welcome.

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Treasurers Report
4. Crime Prevention
5. Matters Arising
6. Christmas Lights
7. Events Committee update
8. Other business

If you would like to become a member of the Chamber please contact Dominic. Alternatively you can use the application form. [Download Application Form Here](#)

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