

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CHAMBER MEETING

HELD AT THE RED LION PUBLIC HOUSE

ON 12th January 2017 AT 7pm

Present: Max Beason, Dinah Crellin, Lauren Gillespie, Marcus Cryer (part), Warren Goodridge (part), David Powell, Anna Sebald, Alice (part), Jill Brennan, Ray Carter (part), Brian Cox

Apologies: Louise Bostock, Colin Rescorla, Jeremy Stuart, Sonia and Mary

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2	Apologies as above.	
1	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chairman, Mr Max Beason, opened the meeting at 7pm, welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Mr Marcus Cryer who was present, announced his time restraints that evening, the Chair agreed he be allowed to talk about Retallack Resort's application for the lifting of holiday home restriction for Retallack. He outlined why he thought that the new plans for Retallack would be of benefit to St Columb Major and district:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More employment, (An increase from 150 to 400) - Kitemark Academy, training 30 people per year. <p>The granting of residential status (pending) would make buy to let mortgages accessible to private buyers. Mr Cryer stated that Retallack Resort was reliant on Cornwall Council's decision which was iminant, and was keen to gain members support for the application.</p> <p>Town Council does not agree with the site development.</p> <p>He asked if a decision could be made, letter be written, supporting the plans, by the time the Case officer has to put in a report 16th January 2017.</p>	

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	<p>Mr David Powell questioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the Bottom line? - Section 73 and 106 agreement, Condition 10 - How will a decision affect other holiday home parks in Cornwall <p>Mr Powell supported the opportunity of building stronger links with Retallack., whilst expressing his concerns about pressures on Town facilities, and infrastructure.</p> <p>Rules and regulations information to be sent to the Chamber by Marcus outlining how difficult it would be to live full time in the type of new accommodation set out in their proposal.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes from previous GCM meeting 24th November 2016</p> <p>Mr Beason proposed that the Minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as a correct record of that meeting. Seconded by Dinah Crellin. Motion passed nem. con.</p>	
4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>(i) Rotary Invitation Saturday 4th February 2017, 7pm – 7.30pm - Tickets £35.00</p> <p>MB read out the Rotary Invitation. Correspondence will be sent out to all Chamber members giving details including the invitation. David to send the invitation to Dinah.</p> <p>The group discussed the possibility of a discount for tickets to be offered to members. After further discussion, MB proposed that we organise a Chamber event in the last week in March at Retallack. Seconded by David Powell, Motion passed nem. con.</p> <p>One formal nomination for The Chamber’s Citizen of the year award had been received by Simply Occatons , which was for Matthew Jenkins.</p> <p>(ii) Louise Bostock had sent a letter explaining her regret for change of circumstance resulting in her stepping down as a member.</p> <p>(iii) Our minutes secretary: Jeremy Stuart has formally resigned as minutes secretary, due to his change in circumstance.</p> <p>(iv) Bowling Club have donated £25 for the Christmas lights. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be written to the club.</p>	<p>DP / DC</p> <p>MB / Retallack</p>

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	(v) Retallack have donated £200, MB thanked Retallack members present on behalf of the Chamber.	
5	<p>Report on Christmas Lights switch on event 2016</p> <p>The Chair quoted the Mayor Mr Paul Wills in his response to the event which was that he thought “ it had gone down a storm”. In light of the success of the event however MB explained the technical hitch on the evening, which had resulted in the failure of the PA system. The matter will be resolved next year with a designated PA or audio person to take the responsibility away from the lights crew.</p> <p>Max asked for help for the disassembly of the Christmas lights. Correspondence to be sent to all members asking for help.</p> <p>David Powell shared his opinion that the Chamber’s Chain of office needs to be on show at public events. MB replied that the chain of office is in a poor state. It was agreed that this would be looked into</p> <p>It was agreed that correspondence regarding request for members to help with marshalling could have been made clearer on the run up to the 2016 Lights Festival.</p> <p>a) Moving forward – ideas for next year / Fundraising:</p> <p>Lights fundraising through the year, promoting the Chamber and moving forward to be discussed at next GCM.</p> <p>Denzel Downs Community Wind Farm project fund is available to us again this year although a much smaller fund. We should use the opportunity this year to apply for funding a Christmas Lights project.</p> <p>b) Prize for BEST CHRISTMAS WINDOW 2017:</p> <p>This has been awarded to Simply Occasions. Congratulations to them from the Chamber. Mary Bird was not present to receive the award, so it was agreed that the award is presented at this year’s AGM.</p>	<p>CHAIR 2017</p> <p>DC</p> <p>ADMIN 2017</p>
6	<p>Notice board / Town map update</p> <p>MB gave a report on the recent developments regarding the Notice Board and Town Map.</p> <p>MB Shared details of a revised quote from James Bird for embellishments to the Town Map/information notice board. The new quote was for two solid iroko cabinets. Discussion ensued, with encouragement from the Chair to move forward due to the responsibility of the Chamber in finding a sustainable way forward</p>	

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	<p>which would offer real value and improvement. It was agreed that a third quote be attained with the idea of creating back door access to the Noticeboard/Map. In order to use more of what already exists. Consensus being that the whole solution needs simplifying. Max to discuss options with James Bird.</p> <p>MB explained the possibility of an advertising area for Christmas Lights Sponsors to be erected on the Gable end of the Christmas Lights store. The store is owned by the Town Council; MB to ask for permission and support from TC</p> <p>David Powell explained about the pre-planning and conservation area issues for the notice board and map. This will be looked into.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
7	<p>AGM preparation</p> <p>a) Proposals for Committee Members</p> <p>The Chair announced that he would be stepping down at the AGM due to changes in his circumstance and a very busy life schedule. All members were encouraged to think about ways that the Chamber administration can be re defined. (Roles of officers)</p>	<p>ALL MEMBERS</p>
	<p>a) Proposals for amendments to the SCCC Constitution</p> <p>Membership fee date – David Powell proposed that a constitutional change be made for the membership to be pro-rata. Seconded by MB. Motion passed nem. con.</p>	
	<p>Anna Sebald suggested a loyalty card scheme.</p> <p>The group agreed that the Chamber needed to promote what it is about, what is it doing and what is the plan.</p> <p>David Powell asked :</p> <p>Why are we members?</p> <p>What influence does the Chamber have on local decisions?</p> <p>Why have some businesses left the Chamber?</p> <p>Shall we re engage with businesses that have left the Chamber?</p> <p>What are the admin issues?</p> <p>Anna Sebald commented that in her estimation, the brainstorming meeting to discuss denzel Downs Community project fund applications (12 May 2016) had been the most productive meeting to date.</p> <p>MB suggested we all take stock of where we are now and how we might move forward.</p>	

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8	<p>Candidates for 2016 – 2017 SCCC Citizen’s Award</p> <p>As above in correspondence. This was added to the consensus of opinion carried from the previous general Chamber meeting, where members had been in favour of local electrician: Matthew Jenkins, due to his stoic performance surrounding facilitation of the 2015/16 Christmas Lights Festivals.</p>	
9	<p>Treasurers report</p> <p>Max to provide breakdown of expenditure for Christmas Lights.</p> <p>Max gave a report on the Raffle Draw Lauren to consolidate accounts. Online banking will soon be sorted. Roger needs to be removed as signatory. Barclays account - Lauren to receive form for Max to sign. Old Chamber account with Lloyds is getting close to being resolved, members looking forward to receiving update and full treasurer’s report at the AGM on 9th March</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>LG</p> <p>LG / RC</p> <p>LG / MB</p>
10	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Retallack decision: Members of Retallack Had left early by this point in the meeting which gave the necessary environment for members to speak more freely on the matter. Decision carried was that the Chamber as a body would issue no comment, leaving members free to comment as individuals if they so wished. This can be done online, on Cornwall Council’s planning portal.</p>	
11	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 9 March 2017 - Annual Chamber Meeting</p>	

Signature: _____ Chairman

Date: _____