

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL CHAMBER MEETING  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ST. COLUMB MAJOR  
ON 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 7pm**

Present Max Beason, Louise Bostock, Caroline Brown, Roger Clay, Dinah Crellin,  
Keith Green, Andy Hannan, Sonia Lucas, David Powell, Anna Sebald, Jeremy  
Stuart, David Wilton and Lisa Ying Yu.

Apologies The Clock Garage, Edyvean Printers, Brian Fox, Ray & Sue Horwell, Jeff  
Murton, Colin Rescorla and Ginny Scott.

Agenda Item	Minute	Action
1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>The President, Andy Hannan, opened the meeting at 7.10 p.m., welcomed everyone, thanked the Management Team for its work, and passed the Chair to Roger Clay, the Chairman.</p> <p>Mr Clay explained that Callie Ashton had had to step back from her position, which would be divided between Dinah Crellin, who would act as IT &amp; Communications Administrator, and Jeremy Stuart, who would serve as Secretary.</p>	
2	<p><b>Apologies</b> as above.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>David Powell proposed that, subject to amendment of Item 6.1 (Bob Bosisto was proposed by John Weller and seconded by David Powell), the Minutes of the previous AGM be adopted as a correct record of that meeting. Seconded by Max Beason. Motion passed nem. con.</p>	

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4.1	<p><b>Annual Reports: Chairman</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that membership had grown to 44 businesses, that the Chamber had hosted four breakfast meetings and that it had held six General Meetings.</p> <p>Mr Clay noted that, in aid of the Christmas Lights, Lisa Ying Yu had raised £200 at Party in the Park, Simply Occasions had sold draw tickets and that a number of businesses in town had donated prizes. In total, more than £700 had been raised. The event had proved to be very successful: more than 600 people had attended; they were able to see a lantern parade, fireworks, a traction engine, as well as the lights switch-on. Roger thanked the Mayor and the Town Council for their support.</p> <p>Mr Clay reported that the Management Team had met on more than 20 occasions, and thanked the President and the IT and Communications Administrator for their hard work and support.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>Annual Reports: Treasurer</b></p> <p>Lisa Ying Yu presented her report and the provisional accounts. Andy Hannan proposed that they be accepted; seconded by Louise Bostock. Motion passed nem.con.</p>	
4.3	<p><b>Annual Reports: IT &amp; Communications Manager</b></p> <p>Dinah Crellin noted that the Chamber's website had grown significantly: it included a members' directory, copies of minutes, and archived news and events sections. The site was usually updated weekly and listed by more than 400 search engines; it had been registered with Instant Traffic, a search engine optimization tool. A Facebook page was active.</p>	
5&6	<p><b>Appointment of Accountant and Inspection of Accounts</b></p> <p>Max Beason proposed that David Jeffries be appointed as the Chamber's Accountant, who would audit the accounts at the end of March; seconded by Caroline Brown. Motion passed nem. con.</p>	

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7	<p><b>Adoption of Management Team Members</b></p> <p>David Powell proposed that Andy Hannan be adopted as President for three years; seconded by Max Beason. Motion passed nem. con.</p> <p>Caroline Brown Proposed that Max Beason be adopted as Chairman; seconded by Lisa Ying Yu. Motion passed nem. con.</p> <p>Andy Hannan proposed that Roger Clay be adopted as Vice Chairman; seconded by David Powell. Motion passed nem. con.</p> <p>Lisa Ying Yu wished to step down from the post of Treasurer, but agreed to Mr Clay's request that she remain as interim Treasurer. She was proposed by Sonia Lucas and seconded by Anna Sebald. Motion passed nem. con.</p> <p>Louise Bostock proposed that Dinah Crellin be adopted as IT &amp; Communications Administrator; seconded by Lisa Ying Yu. Motion passed nem. con.</p> <p>Louise Bostock proposed that Jeremy Stuart be adopted as Secretary; seconded by Lisa Ying Yu. Motion passed nem. con.</p>	
8	<p><b>Members' proposals</b></p> <p>Caroline Brown hoped that the Chamber might offer tuition on the use of social media.</p>	
9	<p><b>Amendments to the Constitution</b></p> <p>No amendments were proposed.</p>	
10	<p><b>Awards</b></p> <p>The Most Energetic Member of the Chamber was Roger Clay.</p> <p>Lisa Ying Yu was the Most Helpful Member of the Chamber.</p> <p>Peter Morris Butchers' won the Most Customer-Friendly Business Award.</p>	
11	<p><b>Dates of the next meetings</b></p> <p>Max Beason proposed that the published list of meetings be agreed; seconded by Roger Clay. Motion passed nem. con.</p>	

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12	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Beason explained that the Chamber’s correspondence could no longer be addressed to the Post Office: it had instead to be sent to St. Columb Financial Services.</li> <li>• David Powell wondered why the Chamber had not been taken a leading part in the Town’s response to the closure of the Post Office. Roger believed that the whole community had been required to act: it wasn’t for the Chamber to lead a response.</li> <li>• Max noted that members of the old Chamber had voted to move its funds to the new account; Mr Powell agreed that they had been mandated to do so. Mr Beason believed that Bob Bosisto would not change his mind and could not be given another platform from which to oppose the change. Mr Clay affirmed that the correct legal steps would be taken; David Powell agreed that a solicitor’s letter would solve the problem.</li> <li>• Caroline Brown proposed a vote of thanks to Roger Clay, who received around of applause.</li> </ul>	

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_