

MINUTES

HAILSHAM & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 3 MARCH 2016

AT THE BOSHIP LIONS FARM HOTEL, HELLINGLY, BN27 4AT

	Actions
<p>1. Present:</p> <p>Anton Bree (AB) Andrew Rannie (AR) Colin Slaughter (CPS) Laura Murphy (LM) Jarred O'Toole (JOT) Nick Collinson (NC) Petrina Mayson (PM) Claire Baker (CB)</p>	
<p>2. Apologies for Absence:</p> <p>Jacky Hinton Clive Soper</p>	
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None were declared.</p>	
<p>4. Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>Approved with amendments previously made.</p>	
<p>5. Matters arising from the previous Minutes</p> <p>There were no matters specifically arising from the minutes other than what was planned to be discussed.</p>	
<p>6. Membership Update</p> <p>Three further new memberships have been approved in the previous month and there are a number of businesses that are proposing joining once the new financial year begins. The new members are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMS business Services• Infinity Lettings• SOCAD Installations Ltd	
<p>7. Treasurer's Update</p> <p>The Chamber's finances are healthy at the present time. AR confirmed that we can afford to support new member initiatives financially and</p>	

support events being backed by Chamber e.g. Wealden Eye offer to members etc.

8. PR and Marketing

A brief discussion was held in respect of the marketing and PR and proposed timetable for the AGM and the subsequent meeting. It was agreed that the AGM would be held immediately prior to the talk by Stephen Lloyd and will be strictly timed in order to not delay proceedings.

9. General Committee Business

AB has already announced, subject to the AGM approval, that Petrina Mason is intending to stand for Chairperson and Claire Baker as Vice Chair. These are the only candidates that have put their names forward for these roles and AB and the remainder of the committee agreed that they should be put forward with recommendation for approval.

AR confirmed that he is awaiting response from members in respect of the recently circulated Constitution for the Chamber.

10. Report from Sub-Committees

10.1 Traffic and Parking

No further update.

10.2 Town Centre Improvements

NC confirmed that the proposed roadworks in the High Street will be commencing during the summer months. AB is in discussions with Uckfield Chamber with regard to obtaining a rates discount although it was considered by committee that as the contract for works in Hailsham was significantly less complicated than those proposed at Uckfield it was unlikely that we would be successful.

10.3 Anti-Social Behaviour

JOT confirmed there had been a sub-committee meeting with the local PCSO who did not consider there was a problem with anti-social behaviour in Hailsham.

Needless to say we strongly disagreed and JOT confirmed he intended to set up a group email of all the PCSOs so that we can send over details of what we believe to be anti-social behaviour. This is a request from the police as they will pick up these emails on shift by way of a log when they review anti-social behaviour in Hailsham.

JOT

Once this has been set up it is proposed to send this email address to all Chamber members so they can log on and notify any anti-social behaviour at any time.

Date of the Next Meeting

As members had other meetings to attend, the meeting was drawn to a close early.

The next meeting to be held after the Chamber breakfast on 7th April 2016.