



PENZANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7th February 2012

Present: Mike Waters (MW) (Chairman), John Garrison (JG), Margaret Cass (MC), Barbara Hanik (BH), Dick Cliffe (DC), Chris Edwards (CE), Sally Bodinar (SB), Steven Richford (SR), Hazel Trembath (HT), Richard Hilder (RH), Arnaud Reutsch (AR), Caroline Harris (CH), Richard Harris (RH), Cherie Woodhouse (Cornishman), Lucy Kean (LK) (Secretary)

Apologies: Heidi Webb, Ruth Jenkin, Pheona Lowell

Item 1 Apologies

Apologies were taken and recorded as above.

Item 2 Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 1 Feb 201 1

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 February 2011 were approved – proposed by CE, seconded by DC and signed by the Chairman.

Item 3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Item 4 Chairman's Annual Report

The Chairman addressed those present and reminded them that during his many years as Chairman there had been many issues that the Chamber had fought and supported over the years. This year had been a turbulent year and there were a number of issues that would need the group's attention over the coming months, not least the heliport and harbour development scheme.

Item 5 Treasurer's Annual Report

Unfortunately the Treasurer resigned earlier this year and the accounts were unavailable. There is approximately £1000 between the two accounts held by the Chamber but this would be confirmed after a full review of the paperwork.

Item 6 Election of Officers

The Chairman stood down and with no President due to resignation the Vice- Chairman took the Chair.

Chairman – Dick Cliffe

Proposed: JG Seconded: CE
Unanimous vote.

The Chairman took the Chair.

President – Mike Waters

Proposed: DC Seconded: JG
Unanimous vote.

Vice-Chairman – Steven Richford

Proposed: JG Seconded: LG
Unanimous vote.

Treasurer – Lucy Kean Due to the close connection of the Secretary and Treasurer positions it was felt that the two be carried out by one person.

Proposed: DC Seconded: SB

Council Members:

Council members agreed to election for a minimum term of 3 years in February 2009 i.e. until 2012 inclusive, however there are now 4 vacant roles due to resignations and taking on other roles within the Chamber. These positions can be co-opted during the year when suitable candidates are identified.

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Item 7 Any Other Business

Thanks – RH expressed his thanks for the work of the outgoing Chairman over the years. The vast amount of energy and enthusiasm that he has dedicated to the Chamber and the causes faced by local businesses has been outstanding. The incoming Chairman expressed his gratitude to MW and stated

“...that these are enormous boots to fill and the prints are all over town, Everyone respects the way that Mike has fought the corner for business. I am intimidated by the reputation he has established fighting the business corner; the energy he has put into it has been absolutely outstanding.”

DC would be looking to the committee for support for the Chamber and him over the coming months. He would be looking to further improve communication with other groups and people within the town to get a better idea of the problems they face. One of his first aims would be to review the Chamber website, communication methods and the membership.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2002hrs.



D Cliffe
Chairman

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