
Beaminster and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce

**Minutes of the meeting of The Executive Committee
held at
The Red Lion Hotel, Beaminster
on
Monday, 6th, April, 2009**

Those present : Carole Annetts, (Chairman), Debbie Boyer, Claire Feasey, Pauline Dewar, Lu. Jones, Frank Keenan, Roger Priddle (Hon. Secy.)

Apologies for absence : Lisa Hill, Jacqueline Chick, Geraldine and Simon Berry, Robin Samways, Mike Hewitson.

1. The meeting was opened at 7.35. pm with a welcome from the Chairman to all present. Apologies for absence (as mentioned above) were read and accepted.
2. Carole introduced Lu. Jones - a new member - who was duly welcomed.
3. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read. Pauline Dewar proposed that they be accepted as a true record. The motion was seconded by Claire Feasey and unanimously approved.
4. **Matters Arising.**
 - a Debbie Boyer announced that she had received subscriptions from three new members - Messrs. Wakeley, Lu. Jones and Page PDM.
 - b. The visit to the Yarn Barton Centre is to be fixed for Monday 20th. April, 2009 and all those wishing to attend are to assemble at Yarn Barton at 5.30 p.m.

5. Hon. Treasurer's report

The Hon Treasurer reported that as at 2nd March 2009 the bank balances were :

HSBC	£2476.18.
Nat. Savings	£ 564.63.

The Committee expressed their thanks to Debbie for the work she is putting into the task of supervising the Chamber's financial affairs.

Action to be taken by Carole Annetts and Claire Feasey

10. Frank Keenan suggested that perhaps the Chamber could provide an advertising board in the Square. The board would take the form of a map of the Town surrounded by advertisements from local traders. Simple grid references would indicate the siting of each of the advertisers establishments and the whole board framed behind shatterproof clear plastic making it as vandal proof as is possible.

Action to be taken by Frank Keenan and Debbie Boyer

11. The Childrens' Fancy Dress Parade will this year be organised by Hooke School with full sponsorship from the Chamber.

Action Frank Keenan

12. Consideration is to be given to revising the format and printing of the Town Guide and the Chamber will continue to seek financial assistance from both the Town and District Councils. Letters will be sent to each seeking the £500 donation which has been granted in previous years.

Action Hon Secretary

13. The Chamber agrees to be prepared to support its members during the closure of the Co-Op and subject agreement of the management of the Co-Op the Chamber will take an advertisement in the Local newspapers urging customers to shop locally during the closure period.

Action Carole and Hon. Secretary.

14. Mountjoy School

The Hon. Secretary is to reply to the letter from the Council stating that the Chamber as a whole would not be making any representation but would encourage the members to indicate their views as individuals.

Action : Hon Secretary to write appropriate letter to Council

15. It was suggested that the website could include a section of statements in the vein of "Did you know that....." Also perhaps there could be a section on most frequently asked questions.

16. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45 pm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at The Red Lion Hotel, Beaminster on Tuesday 5th May 2009, 7.30pm.