
MINUTES

1. Attendees

M Crabtree - Chair
Pru Preston – Arts and Crafts Market
Chris Bryson - Secretary
Aaron Dowling - Treasurer
Ian Didlick - Sunday Markets
Liz Pippet – Tourism
Alex Foley - Hospitality

Apologies: - Susan Laurie, Lynne Peats, Chris Slack

2. Executive updates.

a. Membership

- Currently 115 members (third largest in Devon).
- Two new members last month – The Wine Loft and Sampford Guest House.
- There are a few membership fees outstanding.

b. Markets

- The markets have finished for this year. Next year the A&C markets will start in April and the Sunday markets in March.
- Early next year we will seek staff to carry out the erection and dismantling of the markets.

c. Tourism.

- EP had a meeting with Helen Hark from Devon Chamber (Membership). It has been agreed that businesses from the Brixham area who join the Devon Chamber will automatically become members of BCC. Devon Chamber will pay the fee for BCC membership.
- Brixham members need to be told that they can take advantage of some of the benefits offered to Devon CC members.

d. Hospitality.

- The Christmas event at Bays brewery has about 14 people booked so far.

- Seafood Event. There will be efforts to get a bigger profile next year.

e. Secretary

- CB gave updates on the Town Hall regeneration project, and The Time and Tide Bell.

f. Treasurer

- Transferring the bank account to Lloyds is almost complete.

g. Chair

- Thanks have been received from John Brennan for the Chamber's participation in the VE day celebrations.
- MC will attend the quarterly TDA update. 25th Nov.
- CB will attend the Vigilance workshop on 25th Nov.

3. Christmas advertising.

- EP is arranging five ads on Facebook, featuring family aspects of the events, and targeting all age groups within a 15 mile radius.

4. Events Boards.

- EP is trying to get the boards ready by mid-December.
- MDL may sponsor the mini Visitor Guide for next year.

5. General Meeting – 26th Nov.

- Speakers booked so far :- Ash - Curious Kitchen; Susan Laurie – Santa Ru;, Laura Dury – South Devon Players; CB – Town Hall Regeneration project.

6. AGM

- Debate topic – Environmentalism. (is that really a word).

Next Exec. Meeting: - 14th January 2019 at the Conservative Club. 1800 to 2000 hrs.

Next Gen Meeting: - 26th November at the Berry Head Hotel. 1900 to 2100 hrs.