

TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM SALTASH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
CONSIDER ANY ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENDITURE.

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At the Chamber meeting on the 7th April, members welcomed Lindsay Endean from Saltash Studios and heard from her the progress that has been made, since taking over the former Barclays Bank building in Fore Street. The building was now up and running after major refurbishment and facilities included hot desking, arts programme, cinema and other arts and business-related facilities. Saltash Studios have now become a member of the Chamber.

Hilary Frank then reported on the Magic Tenner campaign which the Chamber ran for the first two weeks of March and proved very popular with retailers and the public. 29 businesses had signed up to the campaign all of which were local businesses which is the aim of the campaign to shop local. Members felt that with the success of the campaign it would be worth considering other promotions during the year. Ms. Frank undertook to do so once the local elections were out of the way.

Continuing on the town centre theme, the Chairman was able to update members on the success of the first street market organised by Town Team. The feedback from stallholders, traders and the public, was all positive. Members were looking forward to the next market which was, at the time of the meeting, due 12 days later.

The local M.P. Anna Gelderd, had been due to attend the meeting but had been called to London on Parliamentary business. One of the questions that was going to be asked of her was relating to the recently approved toll increase and a campaign to try and get a further reduced rate for local residents. The Chairman stated that she had offered to answer any written questions that members wished to raise and would be willing to attend our meeting in September.

Members noted that the switch on of the Christmas lights would be on November 14th and that the Chamber and the Town Council were working together to make this an evening event in addition to the Christmas Festival on the 6th December.

Other reports received by members included the Chairman reporting on a meeting he had attended with Corserve who were taking on the running of the Belle Vue West car park, an update on the May Fair, where all preparations were in place, an update on the town brochure which was progressing well and that new seating, planters, signage in Fore Street should be in place in the next couple of months. It was also noted, the work carried out by Cormac on the pavements in Fore Street to ensure trip hazards were removed around the roots of the trees.

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Peter Ryland