

To receive a report from Saltash Chamber of Commerce and consider any actions and associated expenditure.



Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry



CHAIRMAN PETER RYLAND

CHAMBER REPORT

Numbers were depleted for the meeting on the 7th July due to family commitments and the fact that there was a STC Town Vision Committee meeting on the same evening.

After the welcome and apologies, the Chairman asked for the Minutes of the previous meeting to be approved and this was agreed. There were no matters arising that were not on the main agenda.

Members then recalled various memories of the late Roger Dymond who had passed away since our last meeting in May. Roger had been an active member of the Chamber before relocating his business, R. D. Industries, to Bristol due to the lack of available alternative larger premises in Saltash when the site of their unit in Gilston Road was redeveloped (now Lidl).

The Treasurer reported on the start of the process for streamlining membership records and accounting re. membership fees.

Members were updated by the Chairman on matters relating to the work of Town Team and was complimented on the seating/planters/signage with particular reference to the sign for England. The Chairman explained that Town Team was looking at ways to progress their work and the availability of funding to pay for such. He explained also that he had been voted back in for another year as Chairman and asked for members to approve an amendment to the Terms of Reference to allow a Vice Chairman to be appointed – duly confirmed.

Hilary Frank then gave a detailed account of the Christmas Lights switch on proposals and the costings involved in a report she was submitting to STC Services Committee. Members still questioned whether road closure of Fore Street was the best option and would Victoria Gardens with good lighting and a P.A.system not be preferred. We would wait the outcome of the Services Committee decision.

Mr. Cotton then raised what appeared to be a valid question re. payment of the bridge toll by phone. He had noticed many drivers were making payment by swiping their phone and believed that even by having the phone in their hand they were breaking the law. The Chairman agreed to research this further.

M/s Frank reminded members that Cornwall Council had reversed a previous decision re. some car parks in Cornwall and as a result Belle Vue West would remain under Council control with the other car parks in Saltash.

Mr. Miller told members that work was starting on building the new roundabout at Stoketon Cross as well as speed reducing measures on the A38 between Saltash and Trerulefoot.

The Chairman then reminded members that Westcountry Fabrication were still looking for relocation premises to expand. They required a 5/5000 sq. ft. building with a good-sized yard. The Chairman agreed to contact Bloor Homes re. employment space allocation in Treleddan.

Finally, the Chairman congratulated Sam Hammond on the planters in Gilston Road which were now flowering.

End of Report