



Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry



CHAIRMAN PETER RYLAND

The Chamber meeting on the 6th October started off with many members giving their recollections of Peter Dickerson who had been a stalwart member of the Chamber for many years and had passed away on the 4th September. Although he had been unable to attend personally for several years, he was always interested in what the Chamber was doing having been, in the past, Treasurer and then Secretary for many years.

As Chairman, I apologised for not having prepared an annual report, but would circulate one in the next few days, so after the re-election of officers and the approval of the annual accounts we finished the AGM and moved onto the Monthly Meeting.

The first item discussed related to Town Team where, fortunately, four Chamber members present were members thereof, albeit two of them represent other parties to Town Team, namely Saltash Town and Cornwall Councils. As a result, a healthy discussion took place as to the work to date, ideas for potential funding and the continuation of the markets until Christmas. Some members were worried that, following the need not to have a market in September due to the insurance implications re. the inclement weather, that such could happen again and I agreed to look at alternatives so that it could be indoors if such an occurrence happened.

Members were pleased to hear that the Christmas Festival preparations were all going to schedule and the Town Council and Scrapstore were both thanked for their awards from the festival fund and in sponsoring the lantern parade respectively. Likewise, progress was being made re. the Late Night/Christmas Lights switch-on event which was being organised by a Forum under the Chairmanship of Councillor Brian Stoyel.

I was then able to give a definitive answer to the question raised at the last meeting re. paying by phone at the toll booths. According to Devon and Cornwall Police, this is legal providing the phone is put down before the toll payer moves away from the toll booth.

Hilary Frank was then able to update on the consultation re. car parking. She had responses from the Chamber and STC which she detailed in her response to the Portfolio Holder of Cornwall Council. She will keep an eye out for a response or any news relating thereto.