

Saltash Chamber of Commerce report

After the usual formalities at our meeting on the 2nd March and the introduction of a potential new member, Daryl Lumsden of Timberland Saltash, we greeted the Tamar Bridge Manager, Coral Jonas, who was standing in for Phillip Robinson. She gave a very good synopsis on the situation to date and the various matters that were being considered for the future including the consultation that was shortly to commence re the TAG. Several members had questions which she was able to deal with and Hilary Frank suggested that they may be able to include the Bridge visitor centre in the Town Brochure which was being finalised and should be available for distribution in April. The Chairman thanked Coral for her presentation and agreed that her email address could be shared in the minutes should any members have further questions that they would like to ask.

Due to the need for some members present to go on to another meeting the agenda order was then changed to allow Hilary Frank to update on what happened at Christmas Festival due to the weather(as this had been our first meeting since then)and the proposals for St Piran's Day .It was also noted that a dinner dance had been organised for the 14th March to raise funds for Mayfair, Christmas Festival and Regatta all of which were struggling with funding.

The Chairman then updated members on the work of Town Team and, in particular, the hope to start again the monthly Saturday Markets in April and the proposed Traders meeting also in April. The Chairman explained that the idea of the meeting was to glean ideas from traders as to what they thought the Town Centre needed to encourage more people to shop and to further the work recently carried out re the potential to apply for BID status. Members agreed to underwrite the costs of providing Wine and Nibbles for the meeting which would be held in the Guildhall.

The continued thoughts on the regeneration of the Saltash Card were then discussed and how we needed a system which was Saltash centric so that it encouraged people to stay in Saltash to shop.

After the meeting a further discussion took place with Lindsay Endean, Saltash Studios re an indoor market in the studios in addition to the crafters market which is already held

Peter Ryland
Chairman