



Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry



CHAIRMAN PETER RYLAND

At our meeting on the 7th September there were two main topics of discussion.

Firstly, members were thankful for a donation from Harbour Housing towards the Christmas Festival and were also informed that it was likely that Scrapstore would once again sponsor the Lantern parade which this year, in addition to the four Saltash schools, would be joined by Sir Robert Geoffrey school from Landrake. Hilary Frank also said that her application to STC for Festival Funding was ready to be submitted and was only awaiting the completion of the annual Chamber a/c's, so that she could include them, which the Treasurer had hoped to have but was chasing the accountants. She was hopeful of securing other sponsors and explained that the raffle would be online, as it had been with the Mayfair, as this seems to achieve greater sales of tickets and is easier to run.

Secondly, members were informed of the need for the Settlement Spacial Plan and discussed various requirements relating thereto. It was agreed that for any expansion our road systems needed review as the queues in the Carkeel roundabout area were becoming longer and more prevalent, and as the expansion of Saltash would inevitably continue, this would worsen. It was also agreed that other infrastructure matters needed to be considered for any future expansion. Two other matters were raised namely the ongoing potential for a town square and the lack of land for expansion of employment space. I explained that Steve Miller is the Chamber rep but that I would be also at the Forum meeting in late September and would ensure that either he or I would raise these issues.

In other matters, M/s Frank was able to dispel the rumours, that had been circulating, that houses at Treledan were being bought by Birmingham Council to house people from Birmingham. Members also discussed the Augmented Reality Trail which is being researched by Town Team and the benefit this could have. We also discussed the need to upgrade the visual nature of the trailer.

I finally reminded members that our next meeting would be the AGM and was hoping that between now and then someone might offer themselves as Chairman for 2026/27. The Treasurer also said he would like to stand down, so a replacement would be welcomed.

Peter Ryland