CHAMBER REPORT

The start of the meeting on the 5th October 2026 was the AGM which contained the usual formalities with the minutes of the 2025 AGM approved. The Treasurer then gave his report and the annual accounts were approved. The Membership Secretary then reported that the invoices would shortly be going out for this year's membership.

It then came to election of Officers and I was reluctantly re-appointed Chair, Mr. Bond as Treasurer, Ms. Slader as Membership Secretary, Martin Lister who has been Minutes Secretary for many years agreed to take on the role as Chamber Secretary. With the confirmation of Oakleys continuing as Auditors the AGM was completed and the meeting moved on to discuss normal monthly business.

The Town Council were thanked for the grant of £2,500 towards the cost of running the Christmas Festival and M/s Frank confirmed that, in view of the weather for the last 2 years, contingency plans were being put in place to avoid the same occurrence this year.

Members were updated on STC proposals for the Christmas Lights switch-on event on the 13th November and informed that this year an events company, Diverse Events, were organising matters. All shops were/are being notified in the hope of more staying open on the night.

M/s Frank explained to members what the Augmented Reality Trail being discussed by Town Team was all about.

Some matters were raised about the Tamar Crossings and it was mentioned that a £½ million income was lost by allowing free use by buses, the disabled and emergency vehicles. It was also confirmed that there were no revised plans to increase the admin. fee for tag holders. There was also a question re. the steep increase in crossing fee from 2/6d (12½p) to the present £3 but then it was realised that with inflation 12½p in 1963 is now the equivalent of £3.40.

It was queried as to the usage of the charging points in Culver Road car park as it had been noticed recently that there were cars waiting to park in the ordinary spaces, but no-one using the charging point spaces. M/s Frank would get some information from her Cornwall Council colleagues.

Following discussion re. the trailer used at events, it was decided to submit an application to STC to see if there was a chance of securing a grant towards some of the cost of upgrade. It was agreed to submit an application to the Community Chest.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45p.m.

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P Ryland - Chairman