

REPORT OF SALTASH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING 5TH JUNE 2023

The Chairman opened the meeting and spoke of the late Jo Ellison, his dealings with him and the debt the town owes to him for the achievements made by him as a Town Councillor. The Chamber sadly noted his passing.

Much discussion took place as to work of the Town Team and in particular the imminent consultation under the Vitality Fund. The Chairman urged members to attend the consultation and participate in the process as opinions counted and for many members the impact of some of the proposals could be beneficial to their business.

The issue of the uplift in car parking charges was again discussed and members were asked to monitor any comments made by customers. Members were also asked to review how trade in Fore Street was being affected.

Several matters were then raised under Any Other Business.

Firstly, the Chairman said that he had been contacted by Window Wanderland to ask if the Chamber wanted to organise such again this year. The feedback from those that organised it previously was that they didn't have the time capacity to do so again and the Chair was asked to write to Saltash Town Council to ask if they would like to take it on.

Secondly, it was explained that the Christmas Festival had been run by the Chamber and members were asked to consider whether to continue with it. It was agreed to discuss more fully at the next meeting.

Thirdly, one member reported that the Waterside Bus Service had been cut back to terminate at Daws Court. It was agreed to look into this further to find out why.

Fourthly, it was agreed to invite representatives from Childrens Hospice South West to a future meeting to discuss fund raising. It was noted that Tamar Toll Action Group and the Mayor have also been invited to speak at future meetings. Finally, the Chairman reminded members that he had retaken the role as Chairman for one year only and that this would mean that he was proposing to stand down at the AGM in October and, hopefully, pass on the Collar of Office to A. N. Other.