

AGM Minutes

8th December 2015, 17.30.

1: **Welcome;** Tony Brown, James Edgar, Ben Pulford, Andy Bryant, Dave Staddon, Stuart Fleetham, Tom Clark and Terry Cordery from FTC, Janine from Mags 4 Dorset

2. **Apologies;** Phil Fletcher

3. **Minutes of the last meeting;** In speaking to the past secretary the minutes from the last meeting have been lost. A search is underway and if they are found a Special General Meeting will be held to approve them.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes.** N/A

5. **Presidents Report;** Thanks to all for the efforts this year we have really moved forward with DCCI, fund raising and events. Looking forward to next year.

6: **Treasurers report/Audited Accounts (BBS Accountants).** The audited accounts were read out and copies can be made available. One is also attached with these minutes. New member numbers are down and this must be the focus point of our efforts next year. In addition, fund raising to help bolster chamber funds is recommended. Overall the situation is still a financially good one but we must be aware of our falling membership numbers.

7: **Current committee officially dissolved.**

8: Votes & proposals for the 2015/16 executive committee.

The following have been received by the acting secretary;

- a: President/Chairman = James Edgar, Nominated by TB and seconded by Phil Fletcher
- b: Treasurer = Tony Brown, Nominated by James Edgar and seconded by Andy Bryant
- c: Secretary = Vacant (it was agreed that Tony Brown fulfil this role until another suitable person is found.)
- d: Membership Secretary = Dave Staddon, Nominated by James Edgar seconded by TB
- e: General committee member = Ben Pulford. Nominated by TB and seconded by James Edgar.
- f: General committee member = Tom Clarke, Nominated by TB and seconded by James Edgar
- g: General committee member = Andy Bryant, Nominated by Tom Clarke and seconded by Ben Pulford.
- h: General committee member = Phil Fletcher, Nominated by Andy Bryant and seconded by Tom Clarke.
- i; General Committee member= Stuart Fleetham, Nominated by Tom Clark and seconded by James Edgar.

5: Constitution amendments:

The following two items were voted upon and were accepted unanimously. The constitution will be updated with immediate effect.

a) Companies outside of the said geographical membership area boundary may be allowed to become members if they are seen to bring a benefit to the town, it's businesses and the Chamber in general and do not directly compete with existing members.

b) Reduce the number of Executive committee members from seven to five to form a quorum.

6: **Official charities:** The following two charities were nominated, voted upon and were agreed unanimously.

Fletcher foundation, Barrington Centre.

7: **Proposed new solicitors:** Kiteley's Solicitors. (Voted upon unanimously)

8. **Proposed Bank signatories for 2015/2016.** Tony Brown, James Edgar and Ben Pulford (agreed and voted upon unanimously)

9. **AOB.** No nominations for Vice Chairman were received. Terry Cordery said really happy to be part of chamber and strong relationship with FTC. Barrington happy for us to use other venues if it benefits the members etc.

Meeting Closed at 17.51

Current Executive Positions:

- 1: President/Chairman
- 2: Treasurer /Secretary
- 3: Membership Secretary
- 4: General Committee member
- 5 :General committee member
- 6: General committee member
- 7: General committee member
- 8: General committee member

: Vice Chairman is vacant