

FCOC Executive Committee EGM (Closed Meeting)
Tuesday 20th June 2017

Meeting start 5.35pm

Welcome & Apologies

Present: Tom Clarke (TC), James Edgar (JE), Andy Bryant (AB), Tony Brown (TB), Phil Fletcher (PF), Ben Pulford (BP)

Apologies: Stuart Fleetham (SF)

Quorum

The chairman, having noted that a quorum was present in accordance with the Ferndown Chamber of Commerce constitution, declared the meeting open.

Future of the Ferndown Chamber of Commerce

TC will be stepping down as President effective immediately. He feels he does not have the time due to work commitments to carry out Presidential duties to the required level. Not enough is being achieved by the Chamber and as his business is not based in Ferndown he does not feel best suited to the role as others are a lot more in touch with the town and what is happening in it. It would be great if other members from FCOC were to come forward and join the committee.

JE will take on the President's duties until the AGM in December. He feels that all the Chamber really does is the Christmas event. Everyone is too busy with their own businesses which stops the committee from doing more. He feels the committee's hands are tied by red tape and the constitution which hampers progress. Maybe Chamber should be disbanded and a business forum is set up in its place.

TB will be stepping down as treasurer at the AGM. He won't let the Chamber down and will support where he can but cannot continue in current capacity. He proposed a letter is sent to all members advising that key committee members are stepping down and if they cannot be replaced the Chamber would cease to exist. Any money held by the Chamber at its closure would be donated to the two Chamber supported charities.

AB would take on the treasurer duties in the short-term if required. He feels Chamber needs to evolve but it must be opened up to the full membership before any major changes. Maybe Chamber has run its course but the opportunity must be given to any member to take on committee duties if they wanted to.

PF is ok to help out until November, but has not been too well and cannot continue to meet the current commitments and attend all meetings. He also intends to work more on his charity endeavor. He thinks that disbanding the Chamber and starting again with something new may be the best options for those who wish to continue.



BP is happy to continue whether that be as Chamber in its current capacity with new committee members coming onboard or as a new conception i.e a business network/forum. He feels all members should be consulted and given the opportunity to join the committee if they want to help move the Chamber forward.

It was decided unanimously by all committee members that an email will go out to all FCOC members explaining the current situation and giving any member the opportunity to attend the next EGM and put themselves forward for committee positions.

Meeting closed 6pm



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