

**FCOC Executive Committee Meeting.**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

**Meeting Open 17:35**

**Welcome & Apologies**

Present: Tom Clarke (TC), James Edgar (JE), Tony Brown (TB), Andy Bryant (AB),  
Phil Fletcher (PF), Stuart Fleetham (SF)

Welcome: Terry (TCo) from FTC & George (GP) from Rotary

Apologies: Membership Secretary - John Dixon (JD) , Ben Pulford (BP)

**Quorum**

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

**Minutes of the last meeting**

Agreed as read and signed off.

**President's report**

Kevin Polton Ferndown & Uddens BID could not attend, but TC will re-invite him to another meeting. TC has been having issues with the FCOC email address which is not and has not worked for about a month. This has caused several issues with communication that have made FCOC look a bit unprofessional. TC made us aware the Web Hosting is up for renewal and put it to the committee that we tender this out to see what prices are like. This was voted on and unanimously agreed. It was mentioned by SF & TB that we should try local Ferndown based businesses first. SF advised that Supported Computing in Ringwood Road do web hosting and TB advised that Neil Barton (Barton's IT services) do too. TC will contact these and another to get pricing and feed back to the committee via email.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance is £3,316.07

Outgoings: None

Received: £402.50 in Membership Renewals.

Debtors: None

TB announced that at the AGM he would be standing down as Treasurer and that a replacement will need to be trained up prior to him leaving the post.

**Membership**

JD unable to attend but had briefly liaised with JE. Feedback from members and businesses in Victoria Road is that more parking is needed – laybys.

Bolla Bags have requested to join FCOC which has been agreed by committee. TC will contact them and welcome them to the Chamber and an invoice will need to be sent to them.

TB will catchup with JD when he returns from South Africa to see how things are going on the Membership Secretary role front.

TB & JE to think about content for the FCOC promo leaflet so SF can do a proof. This can be used by JD when he speaks to potential new members.

### **Membership Renewals**

Certificates for renewed member can now be created by SF and delivered/posted out by JD.

Due to the FCOC email issues, TC has been unable to send the required items for the membership pack contents printing to SF, therefor packs for new members are not ready yet. SF has just been given the info and will get a few packs made and distributed by either SF or JD as appropriate.

### **Christmas Event Update**

No official update due to SF having been short staffed and BP on holiday. SF & BP to have a meeting in May to get a core plan together and then schedule a meeting with GP in July to formalise the plans and get the ball rolling properly.

### **Correspondence and Feedback**

We are awaiting feedback about the Poppy Launch Event. AB informed committee that there hadn't been a meeting since our last one and that is when there hasn't been any feedback. As soon as AB has been to a meeting he will update committee.

### **Honorary Members comments**

GP has asked for chamber volunteers to help out with marshalling etc. at Fete on the Fields. AB, TB & SF have agreed to help out for a couple of hours on the day, exact timings etc. TBC.

### **DCCI upcoming events**

Please check the DCCI website for full details of all the upcoming events, training courses and Networking meetings.

### **AOB**

TB asked TCo if he know anything about the things happening with Dudsbury Gold Club greenbelt status now that the land has sold. TCo said he will investigate but stated it would most likely not get downgraded and if it did, it would be likely to happen in 20 years' time and not imminently.

JE raised the fact that Lucy from The Practice had approached him to see if FCOC could help with an issue they are having in getting permission with signage at their new premises. It was agreed that we were not sure what we could really do for them. TC mentioned that they are not members of FCOC, so officially we couldn't/shouldn't do anything for them as it would be unfair to paid members. To show that we do care TB agreed to pop in and see them and see and try and get them back on board as members.

**Meeting Closed 18:40**