

FCOC Executive Committee Meeting.
Tuesday, 7th February 2017

1. Welcome & Apologies; George from Rotary, John from Barrington and Terry from FTC

Apologies; Ben Pulford

Welcome to members; N/A

Present; TB, PF, SF, TC, JE, AB

2. Minutes of the last meeting; Accepted as read.

3. Matters arising; TB met with John from the Barrington and he is happy to help assist our Chamber as a membership coordinator and now that the Barrington has been saved from closure, they will hold another meeting to move things forward. Tom was unable to attend the councils KG5 presentation earlier in the month.

4. President's Report; None

5. Treasurer's report; Balance is £2,324.93

Outgoings; £20 Ferndown Florists for Town Clerk flowers, £18 to Eazy Gardens for Andy Bryant's thank you gift, £500 donation to Barrington to help towards the charities closure, £19 to T Brown for the auditors thank you present.

Received; None

Debtors; None

6. Membership sec; TB fed back about meeting with John and they will have another meeting go through benefits and membership list.

7. Correspondence & Feedback; Thank you emails from Town Clerk and Andy for the gifts. Terry C gave the committee feedback about the KG5 consultation meeting, lots of approval from those that were there, the building is in dire need of improvements etc. Additionally there are a lot of improvements planned for the whole area. Council tax will go up though by about £17 pa for band D, this is just a suggested figure. FTC are taking out a loan to fund it all and the repayments will helped to be met by an increase in council tax.

8. Barrington Centre; This situation is now resolved!

9. Christmas Committee; Stuart will form a committee before the next meeting, he will speak to Ben and George (Rotary). He does appreciate that things need to be organised earlier than last year. Its recognised that the committee is to have a little diversity with regards to

membership and made a manageable size. Regular feedback is to be provided to Executive committee.

10. Ferndown Town Team meeting feedback; JE attended this meeting as our Chamber representative, there was a DCC briefing concerning loneliness etc for old and young. Update on local government reorganisation, crime and anti-social behaviour , 16% increase on dwelling break ins which is a big concern. Terry mentioned his concerns over the Heather lands degeneration; since no PACT committee for the area and the local PC has moved on.

11. DCCI Upcoming Events; Please check the DCCI website for full details of all the upcoming events, training Courses and networking events. TB will be attending several of these meetings over the next couple of months.

13. Any Other Business; HSBC wrote to let us know that they will be closing on Friday, 12th May 2017. Debate on the lack of banking in Ferndown and the fear they will go altogether, perhaps worth looking at how this will impact on our members and possible alternatives like economical card machines, post office etc. How will this impact on our members and those that still have cash transactions.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 7th March 2017