

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 7th October 2014

- Present: President – James Edgar (Ferndown Photography)
 Secretary - Julie Hardman (Planit)
 Treasurer – Tony Brown (Y not finance)
 Vice President- John Worsfold (Pedals)
 Membership – Stuart Fleetham (Xerocad)
 Ben Pulford (M4D)
 Phil Fletcher (Ferndown Florists)
- Apologies Sue Cornell (Jolliffes)
 Jo Gracie – Lifestyle kitchens
 Marketing – Banu Biret. (Trash Media)

Welcome and apologies

James opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Previous minutes from 2nd September 2014 were agreed and signed by James.

President's Report

James updated the committee on the latest developments regarding Penny's Walk; James and Tony had had meetings with the new agent including discussions on the Xmas event. James also wanted to quash a rumour and was able to confirm that Tesco's are still the landlord for Penny's Walk.

James was still having discussions with Sturt's Farm about holding a small market and they were still very keen to start their weekly market stall in the town centre. It was suggested that Terry Cordery and John Muggleton, the representatives from the Town Council should receive a copy of the Chamber's minutes along with the Town Clerk, Vanessa Ricketts.

Remembrance Sunday is to be held on 9th November and it was agreed to present a wreath on the day as per usual. All members agreed to spend £18 on the new wreath.

ACTION – James to organise market day for Sturt’s Farm

Treasurer’s report

Tony confirmed that a fraudulent transaction had occurred on the FCOC bank account. The account had been hacked and a debit for £104.36 to Vodafone had been taken. Tony was in correspondence with the bank in order to resolve this issue.

The overall balance on the account was £5080.80. This included £907.20 allocated to the pram race and £1160.80 for the Xmas Lights fund. So the total balance now stands at £3012.80. In addition Tony had received £40 from The Print Agency for their membership fee.

ACTION – Members to determine where excess funds should be spent

Membership Secretary

Stuart had been emailing potential members including Costa Coffee and a new coffee shop.

Any Other Business

Committee correspondence with Vice President.

The Committee aired their issues with regards to various emails and Facebook comments from John. It was felt they were detrimental to the FCOC. In particular James had been worried about the Xmas Lights sub committee and the fact that nothing had been booked. John in response stated that nothing had been booked because he needed the votes of the committee before booking anything. He stated that his only interest was to help. The committee voted to give John another chance as long as there were no further detrimental emails or actions.

Events

Quiz Night

Phil updated the committee, however the final amount that had been raised was not yet available. The event had gone well, however there had been some complaints about the food.

In addition, there had been bad comments made on Facebook from a Ferndown Town Councillor (also East Dorset Council Representative) which had upset a number of people especially those who had taken the time and effort to run the event and those involved with the charity chosen to benefit. It was voted by the committee that a letter should go to the Council regarding the councillor in question’s behaviour.

Xmas Lights

Stuart now acting as coordinator for the Xmas Lights Switch on event, with James, Julie and Ben helping to organise.

ACTION: Stuart, James, Ben and Julie to progress the event.

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 4th NOVEMBER 2014; to be held at the Barrington, starting at 5.15pm.

Signed

Dated