

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 4TH NOVEMBER 2014

Present: President – James Edgar (Ferndown Photography)
 Secretary - Julie Hardman (Planit)
 Treasurer – Tony Brown (Y not finance)
 Membership – Stuart Fleetham (Xerocad)
 Marketing – Banu Biret. (Trash Media)
 Ben Pulford (M4D)
 Phil Fletcher (Ferndown Florists)

Apologies Sue Cornell (Jolliffes)
 Jo Gracie – Lifestyle kitchens

Welcome and apologies

James opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Previous minutes from 7th October 2014 were agreed and signed by James.

President's Report

John had been removed from the committee since the last meeting.
James thanked all the members for their support over the last year.
Sturts farm have confirmed that they would hold a vegetable stall every Thursday as soon as we have the permission (from highways or Tesco) for use of the pavement area by the clock tower.

Phil thought that more attention should be paid to Victoria Road.

ACTION – James to continue to organise market day for Sturts Farm

Treasurer's report

Tony confirmed that a rebate had been received with regards the fraudulent transaction of £104.36 paid to Vodafone last month.

The overall balance on the account was £5351.18. This included £907.20 allocated to the Pram Race and £1706.80 for Xmas Lights fund. So the total balance now stands at £2737.18.

The Quiz night had raised £1,358.00 and of that £546.00 had been allocated to the Xmas lights fund, and £350 donated to the John Thornton YAF. The food for the Quiz Night had cost £462.00

In addition £29.98 had been given to Jean Read of Ferndown In Bloom for the bulbs that had been agreed earlier in the year.

Xerocad had spent £350 on producing the membership packs, including postage and Ferndown Market posters and this was refunded to them.

It was felt that a balance of £2000 should be kept. It was agreed to donate a further £300 to the Xmas lights fund.

A Christmas tree would be placed outside of Topknots and £10 needed for the electricity.

Membership Secretary

Stuart reported that Bad Apple Solutions had applied for membership.

Any Other Business

Events

Quiz Night

Phil expressed his concerns again regarding the bad comments made on Facebook during the quiz night and was concerned that no action or letters had been sent as had been voted on in the previous meeting.

Xmas Lights

Stuart (coordinator for the Xmas Lights Switch on event) had been successful in persuading businesses to donate 'free' goodies for the event. He had also organised the raffle, the prizes and had the raffle tickets printed.

Stuart was coordinating the grotto with Andy at The Barrington.

James had been corresponding with Mike Parkes the Mayor who would be switching on the lights with Santa. Santa would be delivered to the event by Fire Engine. Santa needed to be at the Fire station at 4.30pm and the lights would go on at 5.00pm. James had booked the amusements company; they would have a child's play amusement and stalls with donuts and chestnuts. Various singers had agreed to perform (from 10.00am to 4.00pm) including the Guuge 2000 band. Electricity needed to be tested to ensure no problems on the day.

Julie had volunteered her employee Tony Peters to play Santa on the day and had ordered the costume. It was thought that a photographer would be good for taking photos of the kiddies with Santa.

Tony thought that the bar at the Barrington should be open from 2.00pm onwards to encourage more people into the town so they stay longer.

Mulled wine would be provided by Colin's Catering and Andy (The Barrington) would help. Mince pies will be provided by Tesco's (£1 each)

Tony would look at insuring the event (public liability) and the licence for alcohol.

Ben was organising a word search competition around the shops of Ferndown town centre. The prize would be a Hudl.

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

Constitution

Tony had re-written the constitution as the current one was clearly out of date with the times. Members were asked to read and come back with any amendments prior to the AGM.

AOB

Tony asked if a business outside of Ferndown could advertise on the Chamber web site. Member's to consider this request.

Stuart wanted the committee to meet for Xmas drinks and a meal.

James proposed that the lights for Xmas work should start now for 2015.

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 2ND DECEMBER 2014; to be held at the Barrington, starting at 5.15pm.

Signed

Dated