

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 2nd DECEMBER 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)
Andy Bryant – (Barrington)

Apologies Jo Gracie – Lifestyle kitchens
Chris Allen – (Barrington)

Welcome and apologies

James opened the meeting and welcomed the committee members.
It was noted that Jo had now been absent from the last 2 committee meetings.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Previous minutes from 4th November 2014 were agreed and signed by James.

President's Report

James asked if everyone had read the new constitution and where happy with it.
He would be putting the new constitution on the FCOC web site so that all members could read.

Treasurer's report

Tony confirmed receipt of income of £40 from 37 Coffee
The overall balance on the account was £3026.19. This included £907.20 allocated to the pram race. £1706.80 was paid to the council for the Xmas Lights fund. So the total balance now stands at £2118.99.

Membership Secretary

Stuart had now received the membership application from Bad Apple Solutions with £20 for part year subscription. In addition a membership form had also now been received from 37 Coffee. Membership packs had been sent to the new members. Stuart would be arranging a 'new membership' drive in the New Year.

Any Other Business

Events

Xmas Lights

James had received good feedback and the event had been well attended. A number of good comments had been received via the FCOC web site and Facebook. In particular the bands and singers were very well received.

There had been concerns raised regarding safety issues eg. kids in the road and taxis/cars blocking the lights event, this area needed to be taped off at future events. In addition, more stalls along Penny's Walk should be targeted as it was felt there were not enough stalls.

The Town Clerk Vanessa Ricketts had received an email from the new agents of Penny's walk concerning the event.

Another adverse comment was that the Guuge 2000 Band had caused a blockage outside of The Barrington.

Stuart gave a break down of the income and expenditure of the event.

The budget had been set at £300 for the whole event.

In total £1066.50 had been spent on the event; this included £200 for the insurance, the cost of the mulled wine, the goods for the raffle prizes and presents for the grotto. Total income received was £937.50; this included £807.00 from the raffle, £52.50 from the grotto and £80 donation from Amusements Company. Therefore the total cost was £127.00, well within budget.

Stuart reported that there had been some presents left over from the grotto which could be used next year, and 12 bottles of wine.

Sturt's Farm

Caroline of Sturts Farm was very keen to get going with the market stall in Ferndown. She had been happy to be at the Xmas event

James needed to talk to Tesco and highways to find a safe/good spot for the farm stall.

FCOC Uniform?

The members raised the question as to whether branded rugby shirts or fleeces (green colour) would be good for FCOC committee members to wear at events such as the Xmas Lights.

AOB

The committee members would be meeting on 6th December for Xmas bash.

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

The next meeting would be on Tuesday 6th JANUARY 2015 to be held at the Barrington, starting at 5.15pm.

Signed

Dated