

1. Welcome & Apologies; welcome to George Phillips from Ferndown Rotary, Terry Cordrey from Ferndown Town Council.

Welcome to members; Richard Tuft

Present;TB,JE,BP,AB,TC,DS.

2. Minutes of the last meeting; Accepted as read and points made to be addressed in today's Agenda

3. Matters arising; Headmaster, Phil Jones has been contacted and will attend a meeting in the New Year

4. President's Report; James is now an honorary member of Rotary and had an enjoyable evening with them. All part of working closer and assisting each other. Contacted by business travel network who want help promoting the businesses and TB will investigate and feedback to committee. Business Angels Network; Dave to investigate. and feedback to committee. Bus Stop Club local charity supporting parents and individuals across Dorset, these are known to Terry and Rotary who spoke well of them. Committee decided to support their request of advertising on our website and to members. AGM date will be 8th December 2015. Our website runs on .co.uk and the .org is now used. Do we still want to keep the .co.uk, it was decided to not continue with .co.uk. James was invited to the new church building at St.Mary's and asked if we could promote the facility. It is good to have an alternative but it was generally felt to try and remain as central as possible.

5. Treasurer's report;

Balance is £3,959.03, Pram Race funds £907.20, True Balance £3,051.83

No new members since the last committee meeting; BP asked what is going to happen to the pram race money as it is not achieving much just sitting in the bank. It was agreed that we will wait until after Xmas and then see where the funds can be allocated.

6. Membership sec; DS, Little White Heart have expressed an interest to join and so DS will follow this up along with Ashley's. St.Quintin's have been hard to contact the

decision maker. Hopes to grow the book more early next month.

7. Events Update; BP, Thanks to DS at Higos for sorting out the insurance and donating the costs. The Xmas event is all running to plan and Ben ran through the arrangements. Mayor to be contacted to open the event along with the band.

Tom had to leave.

High viz jackets will be organised via James and Richard for the event. This will help Chamber members be identified by public and promote the FCOC as well.

8. Discuss reported parking issues in Ferndown & possible solutions; James will become part of a committee to look at improving the town centre. Andy is on that already as the Barrington rep and James will hope to be FCOC rep, it is very important that chamber be involved in this. focusing on traffic and parking etc. Slight concern that FCOC have not been asked to attend this committee like the Barrington and council, James to deal with this.

9. Any Other Business.

James- An assigned member of Rotary should be made for our Chamber and George said he will be the contact for this and make sure him or Derrick Powell will attend future meetings.

DCCI - Please can we show support for their events, there have been some really good ones lately but no attendees from FCOC. Please support the DCCI and they in turn will support us.

Spot checkers- have started the consumer survey and started the business one and we hope to hear from them shortly. BP keeping up to date on this.

George gave a brief explanation on what Rotary do and the fact they are a charity and the support they can provide and asked if anyone can support them then please get in touch

The next meeting will be 3rd November 2015.