



1. Welcome & Apologies; welcome Terry Cordery from FTC, Derrick Powell and George Phillips from Ferndown Rotary.

Apologies; Andy Bryant

Welcome to members; None Present

Present; JE, TB,TC,BP,PF,SF,DS

2. Minutes of the last meeting; Accepted as read

3. Matters arising; Have membership packs been done and lapel badges? Sponsorship of pack details produced ? This will be discussed under membership on this agenda.

4. President's Report; Meeting this weekend for a mock up of the proposed market. JE in close contact with FTC in connection with this. Due to formally start on Friday, 1st April 2016. At the moment it's all looking fairly positive.

Saw an FB page for a food stall, Eastern foods (A Taste of Rasa) and JE has made contact with them to see if they want to be part of Chamber and /or the market.

On 23rd December John from Barrington is organising a special lunch for single old folk in the local area. He is looking for any support from Chamber. JE to get more details as to precisely what is been requested but a couple of the committee are prepared to help on the day and a small donation to the event was discussed.

5. Treasurer's report;

Balance is £2,930.10, Pram Race funds £907.20, True Balance £2,022.90

Outgoings; £525 to Spotcheckers, £100 to Barrington for room hire, £49 for the gifts for Xmas event helpers, £865.93 for cost of Xmas event. £20 for EDDC lottery licence, £19 for Remembrance wreath.

Received; £450 from Xmas raffle and wine sales,



Debtors; The Barrington still owe us £140 for the Santa's Grotto profit and £105 for their share of the Xmas DJ. Request for funds sent on 2nd December 2015.

Need to start preparing the invoices

6. Membership sec; DS has spent some time on membership pack. Membership cards to be revamped as well as the stickers. Focusing on brand awareness. Something to be placed in the pack highlighting future events linked to DCCI website as well as our own events. The sponsorship idea has been well received. SF and DS to get precise costings so we can vote and approach sponsors. DCCI do a lot on networking and business advice, DS wants to link this directly to our members to encourage more interaction. Both DS and SF to email full breakdown of costs and make up of the pack to the committee so that we can vote on it via email before the next meeting. This will include the cost of the lapel badges

The Little White Heart Company have joined and DS gave treasurer a cheque for £20.

7. Pram Race and available funds for the event; TB said it's a great event for the town and brought in a lot of visitors but needs someone to chair it , he is happy to sit on a committee. Tom said Travis Perkins were keen to help with floats and barriers should they be needed, there's a lot of interest but we need someone to project manage this. It was raised that due to alcohol restrictions the event won't be the same but another point made is that we could increase the number of non alcoholic pit stops to compensate. Do we keep the money for a possible Pram race, do we give it to the original Pram Race Charities or do we give it to our charities. A vote 6 to 1 to split monies between Xmas lights and charities. PF and TB left room while committee voted on which charities. Vote 4 to 1 to support our current charities. In conclusion no plans were made to continue with a Pram Race within the town but most members are happy to support this in the future should a chairman step forward. It was agreed that the current monies held for the Pram race be distributed with half going to FTC Christmas light fund and a quarter to Fletcher Foundation and a quarter to the charity that manages the Barrington.

8. Fundraising Events for 2016 and possible sponsors. Lots of ideas and it was agreed that we will hold a special meeting to deal with this. This meeting will be on 26th January at 5.30pm at the Nightjar.



PF; Skittle Knight at Coach & Horses in Wimborne on Feb 19th . Phil organising. Also wants to organise a race night for later in the year. Due to having to organise the Skittle event promptly, Phil needs to know by Friday numbers . TB to invite DCCI chairman and VIP if needed for numbers.

9. Spotcheckers reports ; BP, a summary was handed out , still one report missing. Ben to ask them to come in and present to us at a specific meeting. If possible this could tie in with the next committee meeting in February and extra time can be given to accommodate this. BP and one or two members are concerned about the time this has taken to produce.

10. Any Other Business; George Phillip from Rotary gave his apologies for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday 2nd February 2016.