

FCOC Executive Committee Meeting.
Tuesday 4th October 2016

1. Welcome & Apologies; Welcome to George from Rotary

Apologies; Dave Staddon (Holiday), Tom Clark, Stuart Fleetham, Terry Cordery

Welcome to members; N/A

Present; TB, JE, PF, AB, BP

2. Minutes of the last meeting; Accepted as read

3. Matters arising; None

4. President's Report; Rotarian Mike Barrett passed away and JE extended our sympathy. Pact Meeting attended last week, there was a low attendance. The Ferndown Remembrance Parade is on 13th November at St Mary's at 3pm, we have donated a wreath. It was the first meeting of The Ferndown Jelly Group today, which has been organised by Christchurch and East Dorset Councils, it was held in the Orange tea pot but no one attended.

Market update; As we know we have had a loose verbal agreement to proceed with all planned events and an email confirming that we can proceed with caution (at risk). We now need to find out how far we have got with getting written permission. JE will call to get an update for us tomorrow.

5. Treasurer's report;

Balance is £3,394.95; Town Fund £453.60; Race Night Funds £370; True Balance £2,571.35

Outgoings; Race Night Donation £50 (agreed via email vote TB, TC, AB, PF & JE all yes. No other votes received, decision agreed)

Received; £240.00 for race night tickets from various attendees.

Debtors; None

6. Membership sec; Robin Hill from Care UK is keen to become a member of Chamber, JE to liaise with him

7. Correspondence & Feedback; none

8. Race Night & Skittles; PF is disappointed with the lack of help from the chamber members in supporting these events. Are our members coming to our events? Can everyone from the Committee bring 10 people to the Skittle night? Skittles needs to go ahead so as not to let down the guy running it and the Barrington.

9. Xmas Lights Event Update; Some Committee members raised concerns that no one really knows what SF has planned. Ben has had a meeting with SF but the key people need to get together urgently. Ben will contact SF to coordinate getting the key people together so that we can get clarity on the situation. Concern has also been raised at the lack of feedback to the committee. A budget also needs to be submitted to the committee at the next meeting.

10. FCOC Future Plans and moving forward; Fundamentally most members agree that the FCOC should continue with most committee members advising TB of this line of thought. JE Mentioned that as there will be a new Chairman shortly we should give it a chance. The fact of taking it to a quarterly meeting may help, BP can't see what we do for our businesses within the town and wants to invest the money we have into improving our engagement with members, advertise the position of membership coordinator and pay them. AB commented that we don't have a business mandate and we should have some sort of direction of what we give back to members and it would be a shame to disband the Chamber and he supports paying somebody. PF feels the positiveness of the meeting has disappeared, and should have more events and should do more for businesses, quarterly meetings are preferred. How can we afford to employ a membership liaison? It was agreed that the committee have a separate meeting to discuss this issue and the meeting is to be just for Ex committee members. This could be incorporated with Novembers committee meeting.

11. Website & App Update; TC was absent from the meeting.

12. DCCI Upcoming Events;

5th October 8.00, Simply Networking, Mercedes Benz Poole
11th October 9.30, Business Foundations, Digital Marketing
13th October 8.00, Protecting your business, Cyber Security, Bmth Uni
18th October 8.00, DCCI Local Authority Business consultation, Poole
20th October 8.30, DCCI Local Authority Business Consultation, Weymouth
27th October 18.30, Signature Dinner, Christchurch Harbour Hotel
1st November 8.00, Business Breakfast, The Cliff
15th November 8.00, Networking Skills training,
6th December 17.30, Meet the Chamber, The Cumberland Hotel.
13th December 8.00, Business Breakfast, The Cliff
9th December 10.00, DCCI AGM, Village Urban Resort
9th December 12.00 Christmas Networking Lunch, Village Urban Resort.

13. Any Other Business; George commented that Events are enjoyable to do and that is why there is so much focus on arranging them. Also the same for promoting the DCCI events.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, 1st November 2016