



MINUTES OF MEETING – 6th December 6.00pm

Council Chamber, Wells Town Hall

1. Apologies

Loaye Agabani, Simon Lawder, Andy Vallis

2. Introductions and welcome

Attending: Judith Ludovino (Chair), Mike Tucker (Vice Chair), Jon Orchard (Treasurer), Jo Butt, Rod Major

3. News and correspondence received

Philip Welch, Mayor of Wells asked for a representative from the Wells Chamber to attend steering group for HM Queen's diamond jubilee celebration planning. Rod Major volunteered.

Somerset Business Agency asked for contacts who may be interested in liaising with farmers for business development and diversity activities. Jon Orchard took details.

Suzanne Sharpe's communication about extended stall numbers for marketplace on 11th and 18th December noted.

Kirstie Harris from the Project Factory asked the Chamber for sponsorship towards costs of St Johns Ambulance for the Lantern Parade scheduled for 29th January. After lively discussion between members it was decided that this community activity should be sponsored in the sum of £100, a sum that has often been allocated to the Reindeer Parade, which is changing format this year. JL to write to Kirstie Harris.

4. News from members

Jon Orchard shared that Old Mill have a 5-year plan to increase their activity in the South West aiming to be the firm with the biggest growth, the aim being to increase staff numbers from 300 to 500.

Jo Butt shared that Truespeed, as a direct result of the Chamber meeting held in October (and good budget timing) has agreed to sponsor the Strawberry Line in the sum of £500 and Wells Mosaic to a similar level.



5. Member profiles

After discussion it was agreed that the Chamber should produce a “pro-forma” to encourage members to submit business information to the Chamber website. It was agreed that members should be given a “deadline” of April to do this, with further communications from the Chamber, by email and in person, to encourage members to take full advantage.

6. Any other business

It was agreed that the Chamber should communicate with the Strawberry Line to take up Richard Jones’ offer of a walk in the Spring. The Chamber also wants to encourage the idea of notice boards that could be supported by local businesses, feeling this could be a direct benefit.

It was discussed whether the Chamber should have a January “in person” meeting in January or continue with an active programme of events and speakers from February. It was decided that Judith and Jon would make a decision to hold a January Zoom meeting should Chamber news dictate this would be of value, otherwise the committee to focus on the programme from February onwards.

Meeting closed 7.00pm

Next meetings:

Zoom meeting in January if required
7th February 2022

7th March 2022

4th April 2022 - AGM