



MINUTES OF MEETING – 9th MAY

Old Mill-Wells Office

1. Apologies

Judith Ludovino

2. Introductions and welcome

Attending: Sean Sloan (chair), Tracy Leach, Jon Orchard (Treasurer), Matt Gerrard, Andy Vallis, Rod Major, Mike Tucker, Ian Ames White, Guests Paul Clegg, (Marketing) Neil Johnson (Wells theatre festival), Tamsin (Business Consultant in Frome).

3. News and correspondence received

There seems to be a lot of focus on green issues, and the consensus was for local businesses to look at ways to overhaul the way they work.

J. Orchard asked whether members could have news & correspondence via a magazine or an online link.

S Sloan to action Chamber of Commerce magazine.

4. Presentation from Neil Johnson of Wells Theatre Festival

NJ gave a quick brief on his organisation and what they do. They are a not-for-profit organisation.

They will be presenting ten shows over four days in July all over Wells. Coaches will be paid to bring children into the city to attend the festival. If the Chamber were to support this event, Neil assured us that he would promote the Chamber by advertising 5,000 programs available on the day. Email members of COC to advertise in the program and offer them tickets.



R Major asked if advertising would benefit the COC.

S Sloan agreed.

J Orchard proposed £300 in total.

S Sloan £200 Sponsorship and £150 for a full-page ad. All agreed this was the best option.

5. News from members

Update on the mosaic: Cathedral & Bishops Palace tiles have been completed. There are four thousand pieces to go, estimate another two years to complete—potential placing at Browns Gate just outside Rungantino's.

R Major asked if there was a plan b if that was not feasible.

A Vallis mentioned the closing of Barclays bank on 12th August.

6 Any other business

S Sloan said we need new members; we need a list of existing members. We need to network.

R Major: membership coordinator

J Orchard: treasurer, share membership list with S Sloan & R Major.

A Vallis asked if we could all have a list of existing members.

J Orchard GDPR Rules to follow.

P Clegg asked whether GDPR is necessary, why people joined, and whether their expectations were met. We need to drive for new members, possibly get guest speakers in and bring businesses together.

The meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

Next meetings:



6th June 2022

4th July 2022