



Cedars Drawing Room, Wells Cathedral School

Minutes 6th February 2023

Present: Mike Tucker (Chair), Sue Bartucca, Jonathan Orchard, Lois Agabani, Robert Powell, Andy Vallis

Apologies: Sean Sloane, Sarah Sloane, Judith Ludovino

MT thanked Wells Cathedral School for hosting the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Constitution

A copy of the constitution had been found it was excepted that the meeting was not quorate. Therefore, this meeting could only make recommendations to be voted on at the March 6th meeting.

After a discussion about the constitution the meeting recommended that the following changes are made and voted on at the March 6th meeting.

5. e. No Member of the Chamber may be a member of the Executive Committee during any period that (S)he is a Councillor of the Wells City Council or Mendip District Council. Is removed from the constitution.

8.a A quorum of members at a general meeting shall be eight. Is changed to: A quorum of members at a general meeting shall be six.

It was also recommended at the March 6th meeting that approval would be sought to move the April AGM to 24th April. This would allow more members to attend and allow more time to establish who was a paid-up voting member. Direct debit forms would be available at the next meeting.

A historical electricity bill from many years ago which related to the Christmas lighting ring main was discussed and JO agreed to investigate indemnity insurance for the Chamber.

Somerset Chamber

SB has had correspondence with the Devon & Somerset Local Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) which aims to work with employers and education providers across Devon and Somerset to make sure the skills system produces a workforce that matches their needs. They are hosting a number of forums, including one in **Street on February 28, 2pm – 4pm at the Alfred Gillett Trust**. If you would like to come along then if they email at lsip@somerset-chamber.co.uk.



Alternatively, they can visit the website <https://devonandsomersetslip.co.uk/> to find out more. As part of our data gathering they can also fill out this survey: <https://devonandsomersetslip.co.uk/get-involved/>

Wells Loyalty League

The working group for Wells Loyalty League met on 2nd February – Minutes attached.

The meeting agreed to put forward all the working parties' recommendations for approval at the 6th March meeting.

It was also discussed that the Chamber could become a sponsor of the scheme using enterprise funding.

AOB

LA had had an offer from Acquire GG – Richard Paley to write a newsletter for the Chamber free of charge. It was suggested they were invited to the next meeting.

LA Notice of the Chamber meetings should be put on the Facebook Wells Community page along with the agenda.

JO Financial Tip

Check your state pension contributions at www.checkyourstatepension.gov.uk Any underpayments in contributions can be backdated to 2006 until April 2023 after that date you can only go back 6 years. This will enable you to claim the full state pension upon retirement.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm and a tour of Cedars Hall followed.