

Sherborne Chamber of Trade & Commerce

**Minutes of the Executive COT Meeting: 1800 hrs
Monday 23rd September 2019
Oliver's, Cheap Street, Sherborne**

ATTENDANCE: Jane Wood (Chair), Lauren Ottewill, Taff Martin, Stephen Taylor, Jeremy Board, Rachel Kilbee (secretary), Paul Harvey. Also Gail Pogson and Serena Foreman from Yeovil College for a pre-meeting pitch

APOLOGIES: Sue Smith (President), Nick Hunt, Patrick Coll, Ian Crighton, Keith Bawden, Barnaby Baker

PRE-MEETING: Gail Pogson and Serena Foreman introduced us to the concept of the Work Experience Programme at Yeovil College. **LO** to provide a link on our website for interested businesses

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Previous minutes accepted

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Jules Bradburn has stepped down as vice-chair. Taff Martin is prepared to stand if no-one else wants the role. **JW** to email rest of committee.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

LO updated us that the latest figures stand at:

Natwest account £22,498.67

Paypal account £1597.38

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 LO spoke to the last remaining debtor and they are due to pay any day now

4.2 JW to split members list

5. MARKETING

To discuss next month when Keith Bawden present

6. ACTION GROUP REPORTS

6.1

- Christmas Shopping meeting this Thursday 6pm

- Artwork queries **IC**

6.2 POLICE

The talks about installing CCTV are ongoing

Trevor Savage resigning as Town Clerk

6.3 TOURISM FORUM

IC was unable to attend. Awaiting minutes from the meeting

6.4 SHERBORNE INDEPENDENT MARKET

Lots of activity to report. Sherborne Indies now to take on ownership of the market with Jules Bradburn contracted to run it. **JW** awaiting the minutes from the meeting but the Indies are due to meet soon to set up the structure. Once this is done we can officially hand over the market. The new name 'Sherborne Community Market' is being registered. Dates for forthcoming markets to be confirmed. **JW** will update Frome with all changes.

6.5 ENVIRONMENT

Lots of positive involvement. ST has been liaising with schools, Cathy Shaw and the Burchells. Discussion over recycling of clingfilm and bottles etc which JW suggests we link on our website to encourage other local businesses to do the same.

Bradfords (Paul Harvey) keen to encourage baling of plastic and cardboard. He will explore this and see if he can open it up to a wider network

7. CHAMBER EVENTS

We decided to cancel the forthcoming events as not enough interest

JW to email KB about his plan for a business conference

TM to find out when council meetings are and we will rearrange our meetings around them

JW to email new diary dates

8. MEMBER BENEFITS

To discuss at next meeting

9. DEFIBRILLATORS

JW has the list, **TM** to tidy it up and **LO** to upload to website

10. INDIES

See earlier notes re Sherborne Community Market

11. SHERBORNE IN BLOOM

We have been approached by Sally Westlotorn to provide a grant towards the flowers this year.

We agreed with a complete show of hands to donate £250.

12. YOUNG ENTERPRISE

JW met with Mel Bissager who has requested we promote the scheme. **LO** to email the members about the concept.

AOB

Photos are back for the website. Please can all **new members** write a short blurb about themselves and email to LO

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2019