



Dartmouth Chamber of Trade & Business The Business Voice of Dartmouth and District

Minutes of Meeting on April 8th at The Flavel, Dartmouth

Present: Helen Lloyd (Dartmouth Ice Cream Company), Steve Thomas (Trish Thomas Jewellery), Tessa de Galleani (Dartmouth Living), Dave Cawley (Timestep), Sue Thompson (Dartmouth TIC) - late arrival, Doug Twigg (D&K), Elaine Jeffery-Bailey (Harveys), Jayne Hayman & Joe Murtagh (Canvas Factory), Neil Hext (Holiday Home Management), Chris Ball (The Flavel), Mark Simpson (By the Dart), John Stevenson (Dartmouth Players), Paul Reach (D'art Gallery), Nigel Way (TIC) - late arrival.

1. **Apologies**

Commander Graham (BRNC), Sarah Duggan (Baxters gallery).

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on March 11th signed and agreed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

3. **Matters arising (not on agenda)**

- Meeting with Anthony Steen still to be arranged.
- Rent review presentation still to be arranged.
- No response from individual members as to Coach Drivers information pack - therefore to be discussed at next meeting.

4. **Ladbrokes planning permission**

It was proposed (Dave Cawley) that the Chamber of Trade match fund the TIC and D&K society to the tune of £250 each for legal representation against the proposed moving of Ladbrokes to Duke Street. This was seconded by Paul Reach and voted unanimously by members.

Tessa will now take this forward and already has a preliminary meeting with a Hooper & Wollen representative. A plan is available on the South Hams website and individuals are able to object - more weight given to objections made by residents & businesses in the nearby vicinity that are directly affected.

5. **Parking**

A draft parking strategy has been produced by the TIC and a proposal put forward that in the meeting to be held on 14th April this document is used as a starting point for further discussion. Document to be circulated to all members after the meeting. It was agreed that it would be good if the Chamber, TIC, D&K, Museum & Flavel society could work together and produce a united front as regards parking in Dartmouth, although it was recognised that there may be disagreement on certain points.

Action: HL to send out draft TIC parking strategy asap.

6. South Devon Coastal LAG

Helen Lloyd attended a meeting on Monday night (Doug Twigg & John Stevenson also in attendance). Project bids need to be put into the LAG group by 1st May. It was recognised that Dartmouth needs to be pro-active in this and Tessa agreed to act as liaison for the Chamber of Trade. It was agreed that we could put forward the Marketing Manager idea floated at last months Chamber meeting as a possible bid, and as Sarah Duggan had previously agreed to do a job description for this post it was suggested that she be asked to front a sub-group along with Dave Cawley & Doug Twigg) to take this forward.

7. S106 money

There is to be a meeting held to discuss uses for the S106 money available from the Sainsbury development. Ideas discussed included:

- Improved signage around town
- Smartening up the entrance at the top of town
- Cleaning up town (Kate Ryder may have photos of most needy parts of town)
- Planting trees in Coronation park
- Market regeneration
- CCTV @ park and ride

Action: Steve Thomas is to attend the meeting on Thursday 17th and take these suggestions forward.

8. AOB

- If anyone would like to attend the Mayors Civic dinner on April 26th tickets are available from the Guildhall (£25).
- Town Crier has approached Chamber regarding his honorarium for the coming year (we paid him £300 last year). It was apparent that many members felt he hadn't really fulfilled his brief for last year and that we shouldn't pay him up front again. It was suggested that perhaps he receive payment per appearance. Tessa to contact him and discuss. Also discussed the possibility of asking the Kingsbridge Town Crier to organise a town crier competition in Dartmouth.
- The issue was raised of the new Noss development taking up a large stretch of river for moorings, which it was felt by some would have a detrimental impact on the area. Buoys have been laid to show the proposed position. On the river. Objections can be raised by phone 0800 169 6507 or email vision@nossmarina.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday May 13th at Dartmouth Yacht Club at 6pm.

Signed

Date