

LOSTWITHIEL BUSINESS GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD TUESDAY 11 APRIL 2007

Present: S Sanders, P Bassett, L Abrahams, G Sanders, M Dobbie, M Sands, M Hoskin, S Henticott, Vinneto Wansleben, C Townsend, J Tamblin, L Brigstock, A Barratt (AB), D Phipps, K Southgate (KS)

Apologies J Manwaring, H Swire, D Watts, M Askew

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from meeting held 13th February 2007 were accepted with the following corrections:

Page 1: Chairman's Report - Business English in Cornwall (Julie Tamblin) did not belong to LBG at the time of the meeting. Julie has since joined LBG.

Page 2: Royal Cornwall Show – The voting for the proposal recorded in the minutes should have shown:

For - 5 votes :
Against - 2 votes
Abstentions - 6

Matters Arising

Christmas Lights 2006 – The meeting agreed a donation of £100 should be given to a charity nominated by John Hooper.

Correspondence

The Secretary has received one letter since the last meeting, from St Minver Band confirming the booking for the Dickensian Evening on 13th December 2007.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed Cathy Townsend (Kings Arms), Paul Bassett (AP Bassett Solicitor) and Julie Tamblin (Business English in Cornwall) to the meeting.

Antique Shops in town will open on the second Sunday of the month for the next six months.

Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is £600-37. (This balance exists after a short term loan of £564 has been made to secure the booking for a space at the Royal Cornwall Show.) £30 has been paid to Cregy Web Design as LBG's share of hosting and maintenance costs for the lostwithiel.org.uk web site.

LBG now has 71 members.

Area Forum Report

A Grant of £47,000 has been received from the Lottery Fund for the Heritage Project. A number of grants totalling £50,000 are anticipated to allow the station waiting room to be reopened.

Royal Cornwall Show

Mike Dobbie provided an update on our plans to attend the Royal Cornwall Show.

Ten businesses have agreed to attend the show, with a further six businesses requesting leaflet distribution. A sub-committee consisting of Denise Watts, Mel Askew and Maggie Rawlings has been formed to co-ordinate the exhibition.

Lostwithiel Arts and Antiques Festival

Mike Dobbie, Chair of the Arts and Antiques Festival, provided an update on the project. The event will take place on Sunday 13th May 2007, as part of the du Maurier Festival. There has been considerable interest from people wishing to take stalls at the event. Street entertainment will be provided. The Antiques shops in town will also be open on the day. There is a cut-off date of 27th April for stallholders to book a place at the event.

Carnival Week

There was a brief discussion about support for this event from pubs in the town, plus suggestions for adding more flags along Fore Street.

Plans for Dickensian Evening December 2007

The event will be held on 13th December. Both the Lostwithiel Town Band and the St Minver Silver Band have been booked to attend.

AOB

Julie Tamblin outlined the concept of Transition Towns, which involves preparing for life after oil. She described the pioneering work of Rob Hopkins who helped create the first Transition Town in Kinsale, Ireland. Julie is setting up a committee to plan "Transition Lostwithiel" and would welcome contact from other members of the Business Group interested in the Project.

Lorna Abrahams presented a draft copy of a letter / invoice to assist in collecting 2007 subscriptions.

Three current publications (Cornish Life, Antiques Explorer and Cornwall Food Magazine) contain articles about the town.

Next Meeting

AGM Wednesday 13 June 2007 at 8 pm in Muffins 32 Fore St, Lostwithiel.