

LOSWITHIEL BUSINESS GROUP

MEETING 23RD JANUARY 2008
VENUE: STATION MEETING ROOM

MINUTES

PRESENT: A.BARRATT(AB), D.PHIPPS (DP), M.HOSKIN, P.BASSETT, S.SANDERS

APOLOGIES: V.WANSLEBEN, K.TOWNSEND, M.DOBBIE, M.ASKEW, J.TAMBLIN, H.SWIRE, P.MURRAY, S.READ, M.RAWLINGS,

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes from the last meeting 21.11.07 were accepted.

MATTERS ARISING: A letter has been sent to the relevant police authority concerning the vandalism throughout the town and to certain businesses, and also mentioning the damage caused to Christmas lights on various dates, especially in the Churchyard which amounted to around £300's worth. We are awaiting a reply.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Dickensian evening was a great success again, with visitor numbers up, next year we will look to close fore st as the numbers attending warrant this. Also we will put together a larger programme of events, Heide Swire would be happy to once again to help organise the evening. Now the YFC have a larger catering van we shall have to look at relocating it as it blocked the main entrance to the Church and made it difficult to see the lights. It was suggested that more refreshments would be available, possibly in the Church. We hope to hold a open meeting later in the year where people can offer there help and new ideas, date to be set. The provisional date for next years event is Thursday 11th December.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Money collected on Dickensian evening amounted to £88.95, plus £15 donation from Raymond Amusements, total £103.95 it was suggested that we add ££96.05 to this and so in total will give £200 towards the feasibility study of the Duchy Palace. The bank balance currently stands at £2,207.94. Expenditure still to be met is £115 to pay for the putting up of christmas trees and brackets and the taking down and disposing of said trees. Also a bill of approx £900 for the new lostwithiel town leaflets which will be ready soon.

TOWN FORUM REPORT: The town forum has now joined forces with the Lostwithiel development trust, the new title of the group is THE LOSTWITHIEL FORUM AND DEVELOPMENT TRUST. There will be a open meeting held in February, for more information visit the Forum HQ at the station meeting room , open between 10-12.30pm.

LOSWITHIEL FESTIVAL: It was discussed at the last meeting that if other grants that the group had applied for were not forthcoming we as a group would support the festival with a grant to help with on going costs and publicity, it was suggested that £250 would be a suitable amount to which there was no opposition from the members present, to be agreed at the next meeting.

AOB: Julie Tamblin has contacted the group to let us know there will be a meeting on Friday the 25th of January (**tonight**) from Transition Lostwithiel, there will be a film and a talk from Richard Bower M.B.E about the possibility of making Lostwithiel a plastic bag free town. All are welcome to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY THE 26TH MARCH 8PM, AT THE STATION MEETING ROOM.

