

# KINGSBRIDGE & SALCOMBE Chamber of Commerce.

## Minutes for Committee Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 5.45 pm  
Quay House, Kingsbridge



Meeting Chairman: David Hanmer

Treasurer: Peter Richardson

Secretary: Katharine Harrod E-mail: [info@kingsbridge-salcombe-chamber.co.uk](mailto:info@kingsbridge-salcombe-chamber.co.uk)

1. **Attending:** David Hanmer, Steve Mammatt, Nick Walker, Samantha Dennis, Gemma Edmonds, Carol Horton, Rufus Gilbert.  
**Apologies:** Peter Richardson, Raymond Hayes, Jackie Smith, Mike Fice, James Spencer, Chris Povey, Deb Ward.

DH welcomed back Sam in her new married name and Gemma, who has now returned to Buckland following maternity leave.

2. **Agree Minutes of last Committee** - September 2016 - Agreed without alteration.
3. **Matters Arising** - Covered later in the minutes.
4. **Communications, Projects & Publicity**

- Coastal Funding Communities Team - See email. Tim Bevan to be invited to speak to a business club.  
**ACTION: KH**

### 5. Treasurers Report: To Follow

- YABBAS update: Verbal agreement to payments totalling £1.200 has been received against a budget of £2,000, awaiting to hear on three categories, we are accepting raffle prizes and still looking for general sponsors too.

#### Current cash position

Bank: current account: -	£7,281.44
Includes: - (Jack Tanner Award	£787.34)
Net: -	£6,494.10
Plus: Deposit account:	£3,158.23
TOTAL : -	£9,652.33

### 6. Secretary Report:

- I have been approached by James Carslake, new Chairman of Modbury CC. James is keen to talk to us regarding our successes and how we have achieved our reputation of being a positive and proactive group. SD and I were meant to meet with him today, sadly this had to be postponed due to staff shortages at his office.
- November BC, Salcombe Gin 15<sup>th</sup> November confirmed today, now need to discuss with Island Street Bar and Grill.
- September BC quieter than usual, 30 attendees, 16 eating. However, we've had a member success story to come out of it. We offered a special course for up to 12 attendees at Cliff House for an Emergency First Aid at Work course. Nigel also already had a course running in October. There was huge demand for the courses and ultimately we added another two courses which were also filled with members. Having introduced Nigel and George from the

Regal Club, Nigel booked the additional two courses to be held at the Regal. Both members are very happy with the outcome.

- December 1<sup>st</sup> Andy McCreadie special event limited to TEN members only at Thurlestone Hotel from 8.15am - 11.15am. Plus, Andy will be staying for an evening talk at the Regal Club. Since our last meeting the Regal are part way through refurbishing and this is a great opportunity to see the updated venue. Propose we market this as a networking event, Andy to be our only speaker and use it as an opportunity to have an early Christmas drink. We don't want to do too much as we'll have had the November meeting and there'll be a January meeting booked by this point too. AGREED.

## 7. Kingsbridge Issues

- Events Policy Consultation - new policy and fees are to be effective from April 1<sup>st</sup> (figures not yet available), however extremely late notice of consultation was provided.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August Fair week were approached by the subcommittee for use of council assets & fees. The consultation they wanted feedback on had commenced in June but the Fair Week committee were only advised about this and asked to respond within two weeks of the consultation closing. Following discussion, a further two-week extension for feedback was allowed.

It is Fair Weeks general understanding that most users of the town square have not received any information regarding this. SM concurred with this and advised that the Food & Music festival had not been approached or had the subject mentioned.

RG advised the following: The consultation is not restricted to Kingsbridge, it affects everyone.

The council were asked to look at all events and assets as insufficient information regarding procedures is available to obtain fees and provide adequate levels of cover. They were to consider the charges made and determine if they were appropriate.

The purpose is to create a level playing field of all event and to help officers decide what changes should be made, when additional facilities are provided (free of charge or otherwise) and what charge should be made overall for the entire event. This is NOT a means of creating monies for SHDC. The committee is not a decision making committee, no decisions have been determined regarding any event.

SD noted that Information on the website states a consultation with the public took place between June & August and proposals have already been prepared. This was very strongly contested by all present. It was clear that the information provided on the website was, in part, fictional!

RG will speak to Cllr Bramble following feedback at this meeting to suggest that the committee propose their guiding principles and put that out to consultation.

An email will be sent from the KSCC to Cllr Bramble to detail that we consider the consultation has not been properly executed, it cannot be considered that a full consultation has taken place and that information currently shown on their website is blatantly incorrect.

**ACTION:       RG.  
                  KH to add to November agenda**

- Purchase of Kings Arms Hotel, it is now known that the Kings Arms has finally been purchased. It is expected that it will be a pub/restaurant with residential accommodation above.
- 2017 Food & Music festival 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June.

- KDLR - Public notices now in gazette, members of the public have until 28<sup>th</sup> October to make representation.

**ACTION: Letter of support from KSCC on the use of the piece of land**

## 8. Salcombe issues

- Neighbourhood Development Plan (MF)
  - a. the economic survey is to be posted on the NDP website but at the same time it will be e-mailed to businesses who took part and KSCC
  - b. the final survey will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to all council tax payers in Salcombe with a return date no later than 20 November

- **Whitestrاند**

There will be a consultation held by Judy Pearce and Simon Wright at Whitestrاند on 28 October (1pm - 5pm) and 29 October (10am - 2 pm) which will give people the opportunity to comment on the current proposals for Whitestrاند and future proposals which will be on display. There will also be a comments box to put forward their own ideas.

RG advised that following the upset in Salcombe regarding the proposals SHDC will put forward a Strategic development for the whole of Whitestrاند with full consultation of the community.

The K2 plan will be dealt with differently having learned lessons from Salcombe. It is felt there are areas on the quayside where good development can take place. There will be no reduction in car parking spaces. The toilets require repositioning; the bus station requires upgrading etc. The joining of the two car parks has been promoted to the plan.

NW – these proposals/consultations are incurring huge costs to the community, some villagers are spending significant sums to ensure awareness of villagers and also to fight the proposals that are disagreed with. Concerns were raised as to where SHDC is finding the money to do this, is it at the cost of local services?

The conversation continued regarding consultations and how they are perceived by the public, no mutual conclusion was reached and the discussion will continue at future meetings.

- **Tides Reach**

The latest planning application was approved by SHDC last Wednesday although there is nothing on the website yet.

## 9. Communication/news to/from

- Kingsbridge Town Council - None present
- Salcombe Town Council - See Salcombe Issues
- Kingsbridge Information Centre - SD attended a talk by Heart of South West Growth Hub, some of these events are very informative and they're willing to provide talks to groups who are interested. SD proposes that we invite them to run a workshop for us.

**ACTION: SD to provide details to KH**

- Salcombe TIC - None Present

SD. The harbour authority would like to stop production of the harbour guide, preferring instead to support the TIC guides instead. All thought this was a positive move.

## 10. AOB

SM - meeting Jackie Smith & Connecting Devon & Somerset. By the end of November, we should be able to track to the premise if you are going to be able to obtain a quality broadband supply in the following year.

GE - officially back at Buckland Tout Saints

Date of next Committee meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 7<sup>th</sup> December, venue Quay House, Kingsbridge  
17.45hrs.

Communications:

## COMMUNICATION From Tim Beavon, 16<sup>th</sup> September

Dear David

Following our telephone conversation please find below more information about the proposed Coastal Communities Team.

The Government is inviting proposals to establish Coastal Community Teams across England. It is doing this “to bring local people to the forefront of driving forward changes in their local communities”. This provides a good opportunity to set up a team which will work together to draw in grant funding for projects to help the local economy, in particular from the Coastal Communities Fund. I am writing to invite the Kingsbridge and Salcombe Chamber of Commerce to join a Coastal Communities Team covering the coastal area of the South Hams.

The Coastal Communities Fund has already supported a number of projects in the area. In 2013 the South Devon Coastal LAG, supported by South Hams District Council and the Diverse Regeneration Company, pulled together a number of proposals and successfully bid for £450,000 to support the South Devon fishing industry. Last year the Government announced that the Coastal Communities Fund will be extended to 2021 with at least £90m of new funding available for the period 2017/18 to 2020/21.

Competition for this funding is increasing. Areas with a Coastal Communities Team are more likely to be successful in securing funds than those without so the three organisations are keen to submit a proposal for a team covering the South Hams coastal area.

If the application to establish a team is successful its first task would be to oversee the development of an Economic Plan for the area by January 2017, following a template used by all coastal community teams. This would be paid for by a grant. The plan would provide a framework for projects that help the local economy and a strong justification for projects seeking grant funding.

I hope that the Kingsbridge and Salcombe Chamber of Commerce will want to be part of the team and look forward to your response. If you would like to discuss the proposal please contact me, either by email or on the mobile phone number below.

Regards

**Tim Beavon**

*Project Manager*

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