

Minutes for Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 17.45 hrs  
Quay House, Kingsbridge

Meeting Chairman: Samantha Dennis

Treasurer: Peter Richardson

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**Membership target figure – 200 Members by June 2020**

1. **Attending:** Samantha Dennis, Raymond Hayes, Steve Mammatt, Katharine Harrod, Wayne Grills, Jackie Smith, Rufus Gilbert, Gemma Edmonds, Nick Walker, Carol Horton.  
**Apologies:** Peter Richardson, Mike Fice, Deb Ward, Sha Hard, David Hanmer, James Spencer.
2. **Agree Minutes of last Committee:** July '17 agreed without alteration.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - The Wine tasting competition results from the AGM were distributed.
  - A list of members with outstanding fees has been provided to the Committee.
  - Speakers for Business Clubs have been agreed: October main speaker Learn Direct, hotspots Scot Baston (Zooming feet) & Amanda Keetley (Plastics TBC), Steve Mammatt (4G)  
November main speaker Sandler Training with hotspots from Salcombe Gin & Steve Ogglesby (Artisan Apps).  
A dinner dance event has been booked at Soar Mill Cove Hotel on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February as a fundraiser for the YABAAs 2018.
  - Modbury Chamber of Commerce is going to cease, they don't currently have a membership fee but KSCC have invited the businesses to the Oyster Shack to encourage them to join. Monies currently held by Modbury CC will be transferred to KSCC with a view to being ringfenced for Modbury use.  
**ACTION: KH to forward the list of potential members to the committee.**
  - KH wrote to Santander and received a standard response explaining how banking habits have changed. Following a discussion re business banking practices, it was agreed that a breakfast club would be arranged to advise Members about a variety of available solutions to payments i.e. Applepay. This will be used as a selling point to encourage more retailers to join the KSCC.  
**ACTION: KH**
  - A large HSBC cheque was obtained and SH officially handed over the money raised for the YABAAs to SH.
4. **2017 Primary Goals:**
  - **Job Fair:** Removed from agenda until 2018
  - **Increased Publicity:** The new website will be launched on 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Oyster Shack. A brief overview was provided to the committee as to what the site includes i.e. the booking of events and promotion of member events.  
**ACTION: Committee to forward a short paragraph detailing who they are and why they are involved with the KSCC.**
  - **Membership:** New Members since July, James Douglas (via PR), PureUK – Holiday Cottages and Steve Ogglesby - Web Machine/Artisan Apps. Currently 135 active members.
5. **Communications & Projects:**
  - **YABBAS 28<sup>th</sup> November (SH):**  
Venue, Catering/hospitality, Media/lighting, Photography all booked.

Sponsorship - we still have 1 category (Learner of the Year) available at £195.

**Nomination forms** – now available on Website/Facebook or alternatively Postal if necessary

**Social Media Push for Sponsors and Event** has begun and is now gaining momentum.

**Banners/Programme/Event Presentation** - in draft form now.

- **Devon Chamber of Commerce Membership:**

Our September Business Club was delayed allowing time to set up the new website and launch it properly. The Chief Executive was invited to our October event but is unable to attend.

SD received a phone call from the Devon Chamber of Commerce last week - they are organising an event to be held at the Thurlestone Hotel, it is understood that the Chief Executive will be attending. We are planning to work together and will invite our members to attend. A date is yet to be confirmed.

- **One Council Consultation:**

The consultation closes on 8<sup>th</sup> October, this is the proposed merger between South Hams and West Devon Borough Councils.

RG gave an overview of the situation.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the KSCC would remain neutral and will not make any chamber comment until it becomes evident that businesses may be directly and adversely affected.

## 6. Treasurers Report:

Bank Current Account:	£5,609.91
Includes Jack Tanner Award:	£ 508.64
Net:	£5,101.27
Plus Deposit Account:	£3,159.56

TOTAL:	£8,260.83
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Our new website has been paid for (£780) and we now need members details to complete the exercise.

- **Insurance Renewal:** Sabre have provided a renewal quote in respect of our annual insurance requirements, this year the renewal premium amounts to £241.60 compared to £238 in 2016. All agreed to renew.

**ACTION: PR**

- **Vouchers:** One of the Fair Week winners has had trouble spending the KSCC vouchers she received as they were not accepted by several businesses. At least two of the businesses she tried are members. Members could put KSCC stickers in their windows to show they accept the vouchers.

NW advised that HMRC are allowing businesses to give £50 vouchers to staff on a tax-deductible basis.

**ACTION: KH to send reminder to businesses that we support local events in the form of these vouchers.**

**NW to advise on a voucher book.**

**HMRC provision will be investigated and added to the next agenda.**

## 7. Kingsbridge Issues:

- **K2:** To date, £100k has been spent. 78% of respondents in the consultation were opposed. Not all were opposed to development but they were against the specifics that were proposed.

The project has not been killed off. The architects are going to review the offering, scale down the plans and will try to come back with positive solutions to meet the concerns.

New proposals are anticipated by year end.

The next stage is for the product to go to the Executive Committee, once it has been approved a paper would be forwarded to raise a budget to take the proposal to planning application stage.

Once this has been licensed the democratic process of a full planning application takes place incorporating the usual elements (106 agreements etc). If all receives approval the first stage of actual development would be approximately 2020.

*NOTE: If this proposal is added to the Executive Committee Agenda, members of the public and interested parties can attend the meeting to provide verbal communication or can submit questions for answer/discussion.*

The KSCC will monitor carefully and discuss further as developments take place.

**ACTION: RG to inform KH of developments**

- **K4** – RH advises that K4 is for sale at £1.4m
  - **Affordable Housing** – NW we desperately require affordable housing for residents, we need to investigate how more affordable housing can be provided. If it is not provided, the emerging issues with obtaining staff will evolve into a serious problem that will affect us all.  
Investment income is currently low, people affected may be willing to invest in affordable property, there are also people in the area with unused land who may provide this for housing on the proviso that is for affordable properties to be sold to local residents in perpetuity.  
SD – KTC are working on a neighbourhood plan that focuses solely on affordable housing.  
Proposal: KSCC have a chamber member as representative with the KTC. A Statement will be composed to summarise why, as a chamber, we need to be involved to push developments forward.
- ACTION: WG & NW. Item to be added to projects agenda for next meeting.**
- **SM** – KDLR has taken 5300 passengers since May, currently operating weekends only weather permitting and will be operative throughout the October half term.
  - **Kingsbridge** – It is of great concern that both the Kings Arms and Quay pub remain eyesores. Across the town numerous structural issues are evident. KTC have tried to encourage owners to improve the properties but the costs of the work are a significant factor – especially as many properties are listed. When Santander closes there will be ten empty properties available. Most for lease. On a positive note, Gribbles are taking over the old Lidstones building meaning the top end of town is fully occupied.

**8. Salcombe Issues:**

- **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** No update

**9. Communications/news to/from:**

- **Kingsbridge Town Council:** No update
- **Salcombe Town Council:** No update
- **Kingsbridge Information Centre:** Accurate footfall data to the KIC is now available. This showed 10,000 people visiting in June and on one Saturday in August 850 came in for information. The ferry seems to have had a good year and it is hoped that it will run again in 2018.
- **Salcombe Information Centre:** Salcombe has had a very busy season as always, however all were looking for last minute breaks and deals. The bed spaces and car parks were full but the overall opinion of most businesses is that the overall spend per head is down. TOFS is now open at the bottom of Island Street and the Coop is now under construction in Gould Road. Lloyds bank is up for rent in Fore Street and Through the Keyhole is closing this winter.

**10. AOB:**

- **Future meeting dates** – SD made a proposal for Committee Meetings/Business Clubs to be held on alternate months. All agreed.

**ACTION: New Committee Dates to be advised.**

**Meeting Ends 19.00hrs**

**Date of next Committee meetings 2017: TBC venue Quay House, Kingsbridge 17.45hrs.**