



Cranleigh Chamber of Commerce

Annual General Meeting Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 7pm

Cranleigh Golf and Country Club

MINUTES

1. Attendees

- These are listed at the end of the paper. The meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

- The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 25 April 2017 were adopted as a correct record of the proceedings.

Proposer: Julie Alexanderson

Seconder: Mel Booth

3. President's Report

The President gave the following report at the dinner following the AGM.

- Third successful year under its new committee.
- Cranleigh businesses have really supported the reformed Chamber over the past three years
- Membership remains stable at its record 138 members – delighted that Cranleigh Chamber has the largest membership in Waverley.
- It has been another year of events, a year of lobbying, a year of influencing, a year of campaigning and a year of partnering and collaborating to ensure that Cranleigh remains the very best place to live, work and play.
- And we are being listened to! By the press, by the County Council, the Borough Council and the Parish Council.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

- With Waverley Borough Council – influencing and lobbying on:
 - Discretionary Business Rates Relief Scheme
 - The about to be launched Public Space Protection Orders - anti social behaviour, dog fouling & litter etc
 - Start Your Own Business in Waverley Handbook

- Contributing to the Waverley Economic Strategy (which is about to be produced at long last now that the Local Plan is agreed!)
 - The Waverley Business Survey – (ask members to complete this if they have not done so already) – sent twice by email now and on website. Could send again?
 - Article 4 Directions legislation protecting our employment sites. We have given a list of suggestions e.g. Littlemead, Manfield Park etc, especially relevant after loss of Hewitt's.
 - Check In/ Check Out Parking which failed (badly designed machines) but credit card use has succeeded.
 - Subsidised all day and part day parking for local employees
 - Lobbying against the proposed closure of the Recycling Centre
 - Lobbying against the Kebab Burger Van at the Post Office
- With our Surrey County Councillors
 - Lobbying for Longfield House to include small working space
 - With Farnham, Godalming and Haslemere Chambers of Commerce to create a Waverley Joint Chambers of Commerce

COMMISSIONED RESEARCH

- Sustrans Route Corridor Assessment on the Downs Link as a shared use cycle and walkway with an improved surface.

EVENTS

- Networking breakfasts throughout the year and one barbecue (cold). Wide range of speakers – subjects included GDPR, Cyber Security, Social Media, Sales and Marketing, the Brooking Collection,
 - Food and Music Festival in October with Cranleigh Arts Centre;
 - Xmas Lights Switch On with the Lions and Jigsaw School; Thank you to the 100 club members and all sponsors
 - Santa Dash;
 - new Spring into Cranleigh Event 28 April (remind everyone)
- Cranleigh in Bloom, led by Martin Bamford, won 2016 Gold Award and Best Town in the South East. Did not enter 2017 but entering in 2018. Cranleigh continues to be exceptionally attractive

As the work has increased, and we all have our own jobs, we needed administrative and events assistance. Delighted to welcome Elizabeth Campbell who has started providing such instance from January.

Thank you to the committee, members and speakers over the year, as I step down following my three-year tenure.

4. Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts

- The Treasurer's Report was received, the Annual Accounts approved and the Treasurer, David Counsell, reappointed with a unanimous show of hands

Proposer: Christine Martin Seconder: Klara Akerstrom

5. Election of Officers

- After three years in office, the current President, Richard Graham, and current Vice President, Bob Bayley, are not standing for re-election as officers.
- Nominations for President have been received for Rosemary French.
- Nominations for Vice President have been received for Martin Bamford.

Proposer: Gaynor Wilson Seconder: Barbara Martin

Rosemary French and Martin Bamford were elected as President and Vice President with a unanimous show of hands.

6. Election of Committee

- Nominations have been received and accepted for John Wright for election to the Committee.
- Richard Graham, Bob Bayley, Roger Coupe, Julie Alexandersen, Christine Martin, Mike Parsons and Sally Parsons were seeking re-election.
- There remain two vacant spaces on the Committee.

Proposer: Gaynor Wilson Seconder: Barbara Martin

The Committee was appointed with a unanimous vote in the form of a show of hands of members.

7. Resolution One

- Rosemary French announced that the application for the Company Incorporation of Cranleigh Chamber of Commerce has been approved. The Chamber is now a Limited Company. She explained some reasons for Incorporation were: to limit liability, to access grant funding, and to have a greater standing with the British Chambers of Commerce.
- It was agreed that the newly appointed Committee and Officers become the Non-Executive Board of Directors of the new company with immediate effect. The Board reports to its Members.

Proposer: Rosemary French Seconder: Martin Bamford

This resolution was passed by a unanimous vote in the form of a show of hands of members.

8. Resolution Two

- It was agreed that all current Members of the Chamber in its present unincorporated form will become Members of the newly Incorporated Company with immediate effect. The company will be a company limited by guarantee and having no share capital. Members' liability will be restricted to a subscription of £1 each in the event of failure of the company.

Proposer: Rosemary French Seconder: Martin Bamford

This Resolution was passed by a unanimous vote in the form of a show of hands of members.

9. Any other business

- There was no further business
- The Meeting closed at 7.16pm

MEMBERS PRESENT (28):

Julie Alexanderson	Trevor Dale	Barbara Martin
Klara Akerstrom	Rosemary French	Christine Martin
Andrea Bamford	Richard Graham	David Martin
Martin Bamford	David Hall	Mike Parsons
Nick Bamford	Jo Harding	Sally Parsons
Bob Bayley	Catherine Knight (WBC)	Norman Simmonds
Mel Booth	Dick Lane	Abi Truelove
Roger Coupe	Jan Lane	Brian Walpole
Sue Dale	Toby Lane	Gaynor Wilson
		Mike Wilson

End