

Seaton Chamber

Meeting Minutes – 26th April 2023
Pebbles Coffee House, Marine Place

Apologies from Anna Leggett, Shaheda Rupa, Tom Preston, Sean Taylor, Sophia Moseley, Katherine Bolton, Darren Caruana, Mark Elbro

Present - On the Exec. Committee, James Tribble, Carl Northcott, Eleanor Carr, Richard Betts

1. **Welcome from Carl.** Opening words explaining that the group was still forming and have used the first few months to organise structure and purpose. Hope to officially launch to membership in Q2. Lots of work has started in the background. Still looking to add more participants as the structure and responsibilities take shape.
2. **Adopt Minutes from last meeting** – proposed by Amrik Singh, Seconded by Eleanor Carr
3. **Status of matters arising from last meeting**
 - Form a 'Grizzly Group' associated with the Seaton Chamber to brain storm, plan and deliver actions for 2024 – ongoing and more volunteers are welcome!
 - Electric charging points Orchard car park – Jack Rowland has reported that Scottish Power (installer) plan for all installations to be live by 14th May 2023.
4. **Guest speaker PC Sam Parfett** spent time outlining the need for awareness and togetherness to promote security and safety during the high season.
5. **Retail Project Group report** – Victoria Mooney presented the project groups initial ideas (notes attached on separate document)
6. **Finance report** Richard Betts confirmed that the Seaton Chamber is now incorporated as a Community Interest Company as of the 3rd April 2023. This should give the Chamber preferential pricing on council land hires for events and open up funding channels. Our status has already saved the unique boutique events food festivals in Seaton which would otherwise have been unable to trade.
7. **Project feedback**
 - **Carl Northcott** updated us all on the **status of some current Chamber projects**;
 - Bus stops – some success in agreeing to locate/relocate bus stops around the roundabout in front of pebbles with the county council. **Status unchanged**
 - Bid for public toilets on Underfleet and Marsh Road; meeting with EDDC went well. Have been invited to re submit bid by end of May with additional details. **Status unchanged**

- Moridunum – EDDC will be marketing for sale shortly. Seaton Chamber may bid. No objections received. **Status unchanged**
- **Stop Line Way** – met with Axminster Chamber of commerce to get their support - see attached update from Sean Taylor More volunteers needed and suggestions for other interested parties to approach.

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Steve Waite read out the Seaton Tramway/Jurassic press release (attached)
Bernard Dunford – offered to publish a regular community newsletter

Actions Noted/Outstanding

1. Form a 'Grizzly Group' associated with the Seaton Chamber to brain storm, plan and deliver actions for 2024 – Eleanor Carr
2. Electric charging points – Orchard car park are not working and the general feeling is we want more – Richard Betts
3. Executive committee to consider the community newsletter offer from Bernard Dunford
4. Colour Palette for town centre building decoration to be proposed by Tom Gladstone
5. Tesco donation application – need specific project to apply for – Anna Leggett
6. Appoint Del Haggerty as Tourism rep
7. Take over organisation of Xmas lights from Town Council – consider how the Seaton Chamber can do this after the local elections
8. Retail group actions – see separate document

Attached

Retail project group notes
Stopline way update
Tramway press release

Next Meeting: to be decided