

MINUTES OF THE BFMD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 5.00pm 17th Nov 2016

Apologies: – Richard Chesterton, David Disney, Meia Allegranza David Disney,
Chris Shears

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting - Nil Matters arising

Chairman's opening remarks –

AGM – this evening

Stuart Carrington to be nominated to replace John Potter as treasurer

Remainder of committee to stand for re-election

Replacement speaker for this evening's meeting – now Wilfred Emmanuel Jones – AKA "The Black Farmer" – who will be a paid speaker. This action is a result of previously booked speakers dropping out.

Finance/membership report

Update on renewals and 6 new members, 5 non -renewals

Current balance outlined £5,807

Marketing

Colin Slade – Twitter:

- BFMD now has 2121 followers

Peter Shaw – Website:

- Numbers visiting the site are fairly consistent. Spikes in activity followed Andrew's newsletters being issued. Business Boost workshops are on the website – additional member events welcomed

Speaker schedule:

- January 17th
 - Linda Middleton-Jones - **AL**
 - Charles Baughan – Westaway Sausages – **CSlade**
- March
 - Patrick Mckeig – Otter Brewery - **CSlade**
 - Brenden Bellis – hydro power generation – **AL / CShears**
 - Public sector procurement – **AL contact C Shears**
 - Mandy Slevin, Tiverton High School - Jon Sowden was wondering if you thought it applicable for a talk at a future meeting from one of our Assistant Heads on how we are

working to get our students ready for employment and the different ways that companies can get involved? I thought this may be of interest, as we are currently hosting over 1200 of the future workforce of Mid Devon! **AL**

- **Mark Callacombe** offered to include a presentation on higher level apprentices

AOB

BFMD 0845 telephone contact number – discontinue. Replace with BIP 0800 number

Invite Stephen Walford (MDDC chief exec) to next meeting – AL

Signatory's to the bank account

Following changes to the executive committee membership it was proposed to amend the signatories to the HSBC bank account to include any 2 of the following BFMD members;

Stuart Carrington (treasurer & exec committee member)
Andrew Lathwell (chairman & exec committee member)
David Hinshelwood (secretary & exec committee member)

This was passed through adoption of the resolutions required by HSBC : **JP / SC supply the bank's form for signature?**

Petroc college setting up an awards evening. BFMD agreed to sponsor a trophy for "Best Business Student"

Cullompton College seeking businesses to engage with their students.