

MINUTES OF THE BFMD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 5.00pm 15th March 2017

Apologies: – Stuart Carrington, Peter Shaw

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting - Nil Matters arising Errata – Meia Allegranza resigned from committee at the Jan meeting

Chairman's opening remarks –

Tiverton community radio – will attend this evening and prepare a podcast regarding the Petroc presentation, and possibly other presentations
Andrew has entered BFMD onto findnetwordevents.com (free version)
SW Business Expo – will have BFMD promotional signage and leaflets at the event.

Finance/membership report

Full report presented – summary
£3,869.24 in bank
62 paid up members + Tiverton hotel
5 renewals, 2 new members, 7 outstanding renewals

Marketing

Colin Slade – Twitter:
BFMD now has 2215 followers

Peter Shaw – Website:
Andrew reported on the website in Peter's absence

Speaker schedule:

- Patrick McCaig – Otter Brewery – TBC for future date
- Making tax digital – Stuart Carrington – TBC for future date
- **Future meetings**
 - **18th May** - Brenden Bellis – hydro power generation - confirmed
 - Possible 2nd – Petroc – environmental qualifications / training
 - Guy Bartlett – solar pv generation
 - Guy Watson – available but charge of £350 DD make contact? AGM?
 - Comments on consultations regarding “Garden Village” Lightwood are the promoters, acting on behalf of the land owners – for a later meeting

- Public sector procurement – **AL contact C Shears**
- Roy Gould – J27 historic vehicle museum?
- Event similar to “East Devon means business” (at Exmouth), to be set up in Tiverton.

Could use Petroc as a venue – therefore would best be outside of term time. Colin offered to set up as organisers - with BFMD acting as sponsors. MC to ascertain the availability of Petroc in early September. MC & CS liaise regarding moving the project forward.

AOB

South West Business Expo – March

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