

MINUTES OF THE BFMD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 5.00pm 18th July 2017

Apologies: – David Disney

Graham Petroc – joined the meeting

Acceptance of minutes from last meeting – Number of facebook followers amended to correct number of 2,250.

Matters Arising - Nil

Chairman's opening remarks –

Speakers for this evening; Ian Smith of **Winning Tenders** '*Small Businesses can Win big contracts*'.

Plus – Patrick Phelvin, editor of **DevonLive** will give a talk on '*Trinity Mirror South West and the huge changes we've seen in publishing over the last few years*'.

The transfer of the bank account signatories should be completed by end July.

Chris Shears notified that MDDC would have a stand at the Mid Devon Show – and invited BFMD to attend as one of several business groups from across the district.

Andrew explained his concerns regarding the current speed of action with the forum making payments to speakers covering their expense claims.

Finance / membership report

Balance at 4/07 - £3,611.05

Paid up members @ 4 / 07 – 58

New members – 3

Non-renewals - 4

Marketing

Colin Slade – Twitter:

BFMD now has 2,270 followers

Peter Shaw – Website: Events added, views of website continue at the existing level in the region of 190 sessions per 2 month period.

Transfer of website to new management provider - Andy Parrott, Roundash at a fee of £25 per month – agreed.

Thanks for Peters input over the past 7 years – he has prepared, managed and updated the forum/s website since the forum was started.

Speaker schedule:

- **Possible – Sept onwards**
 - Patrick McCaig – Otter Brewery –Sept tbc **AL**
 - AGM – November – Seeking suggestions
 - Making tax digital – Stuart Carrington – *currently in abeyance*
 - Comments on consultations regarding “Garden Village” Lightwood are the promoters, acting on behalf of the land owners – for a later meeting
 - CL suggested that 2018 would be better time for a meeting involving procurement and local authority tenders.
 - Colin will identify some possible speakers and feed back to Andrew.
- **Tiverton Means Business** – venue of Tiverton High School is no longer available in Sept. Therefore the event will be postponed until 2018
- **Mid Devon Show** – call for committee members to help man the stand and agree on rota (Chris Shears notified that MDDC would have a stand at the Mid Devon Show – and invited BFMD to attend as one of several business groups from across the district).
- **Meet the neighbours** – Link up with BHBA, Possible lunchtime / evening meeting in February.

Proposal for Linda Middleton-Jones as Secretary – committee agreed that Linda would be an excellent option for the post.

South West Expo – agreed to book a stand – but not continue with sponsorship. Proposed by Chris Prentis, seconded by Richard Chesterton.

Chris Shears raised the topic of young people calling into MDDC offices – they were seeking involvement with “citizenship” type activity. Chris asked to raise the topic at the evening meeting.

Update on potential executive committee members Petroc had volunteered to provide an additional exec member – could provide additional promotional activity with local employers.