

# Meeting of the Business Forum Mid Devon Executive

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

BW Tiverton Hotel

## Minutes

**Attending:** Andrew Lathwell, Chris Prentis, Stuart Carrington, Chris Shears, Richard Chesterton, David Disney, Linda Middleton-Jones

**Apologies:** Colin Slade, David Disney

**Acceptance of Sept meeting minutes:** Accepted

**Matters Arising:** None

### **Chairman's Opening Remarks: AL**

Presentation for the AGM prepared

Linda will have an activity

Programme for the AGM – Speaker, minutes, activity, and speaker

Announcements

### **Finance/membership report: SC**

Balance: £ 3,254.85

Non renewals: 4

Membership: 53

A brief on-line survey to gather information from non-renewals to be designed  
LMJ suggested that the forum sets a target for recruitment in 2018 – 70 members by 2018 AGM?

### **Marketing Report: Colin S**

Had passed a report to AL

Current Twitter Followers 2326 so growing steadily, the graphics should help.

Members to be asked to RT, BFMD will RT that of members.

Speaker/s for the AGM and subsequent events discussed. Suggestions include:

Stephen Walford - Booked for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Sean Scholfield – CS to contact for January

Penny Woods – Motivational Speaker – AL to contact

Laura Cowie – D & C Police Cyber March? AL to contact

GDPR – March meeting?

Tender applications for MDDC – CS to contact speaker

Chris Edwards – Bluegrass

Sam Farmer (Carolyn Quintin)

Richard Stevens – DCC, LEP

Bruce Clothier – Fraser Anti-Static

Neil Parrish – MP

Alan Typhoon (?)

All other suggestions to AL

**AOB:**

L M-J raised consideration of occasional “one-off” events. Agreed to investigate venue

Meeting dates in 2018 were agreed

**Date of Next Meeting:** 16<sup>th</sup> January, Best Western, Tiverton.