

**HALESWORTH BUSINESS CONNECTIONS  
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2010 AT 5.45 P.M.  
AT THE OFFICES OF LOVEWELL BLAKE**

Present:        Brian Bale                    Deputy Chairman  
                  Doug Mizon                    Treasurer  
                  Gary Stannard  
                  Jack Clayton                Town Council Representative  
                  Keith Wright  
                  Maria Wright  
                  Karen Knights                Secretary

1.        Apologies for Absence

                  Tim Heaps, Eileen Heaps

2.        Minutes of Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

                  Amendment to point 11. Change November to June.

3.        Matters arising not on Agenda

                  DM has approached Karen Prime re membership but has not had the opportunity to speak to Maureen as yet.

4.        Treasurer's Report

                  DM circulated his report and explained its content. A further £361 has been received in subscriptions together with £30 income from the last breakfast event. Payments for equipment insurance and stamps have been made.

5.        Secretarial Items

                  BB advised that some information had been received in relation to insurance for officers but he did not feel this met our requirements. He will look into this further..

6.        Town Centre Sub Group

                  BB asked if everyone had received a copy of the HTCG minutes and all present confirmed they had. The only point raised in relation to these minutes was the issue of insurance and possible duplication of cover already provided via HBC. It was queried if the insurance set up by HTCG was purely for events. HTCG to be asked to clarify their cover.

                  JC reported that he had a cheque available from Halesworth at Xmas to pass to HTCG and DM also advised that a funds of £231 were available to transfer to HTCG.

                  It was queried if the Town Council would be making any donation towards this years Xmas lights. JC advised that it was included in the precept but that HTCG would have to make a case to justify a donation.

KW updated BB on discussions in relation to acknowledgement of HBC on letters and stationery but it was agreed that further discussion on this issue should be carried forward to the next meeting to allow other members the opportunity to comment. Benefits to HTCG of being a subgroup of HBC included membership access, free use of equipment, possible insurance cover, strength of numbers and access to networking and social activities.

#### 7. Events

In her absence EH has sent an email updating the committee on events. The breakfast at the Wissett Plough had been well attended and the food was good. JC commented that he would have liked to have seen more of the publicans but it was likely they were busy in the kitchen preparing the food. DM commented that the shape of the venue had actually worked very well. EH has booked the venue for the September breakfast and cancelled The Angel.

There had not been an opportunity to speak to Therese Coffey MP to invite her to a breakfast but she had attended an HBC Friday drinks event and spent an hour with those members present. JC will pursue this and find out a good time for her to attend a breakfast event. Possibly an extra breakfast could be organised for August to accommodate this.

Fifteen people have currently booked for the guided walk and it was felt that the proposed limit of twenty would be reached.

BB advised that a volunteer quiz master had been secured for this event and details would be passed to EH. A possible venue would be the Rifle Hall. If this event did not go ahead the back-up plan is a visit to Hemp Technology.

#### 8. Tourism Group

To be carried forward to the next meeting.

KW advised that he had received information relating to a rival website for BlythWeb called Love Halesworth. He had passed the details to TH.

Discussion took place on the proposed Town Guide proposed by HTCG and whether this duplicated the Town Guide already circulated by Micropress.

#### 9. Town Plan

Richard is currently away so no update at present. The work to collate and summarise views following the meeting at the Rifle Hall would take some time. JC spoke about proposals for affordable housing in Halesworth which is not part of the Town Plan but discussions with Foundation East might lead to opportunities to build smaller properties in the longer term. JC was asked if the Town Council were involved but he advised they were not.

10. Town Centre/Tesco Update

JC advised that he attended part of the Planning Appeal held at the Orbis Centre in Lowestoft. This appeal has now come to an end and the results are expected within seven weeks. BB reiterated that HBC could not take a view on this proposal as there would be opposing views within its membership.

11. Any other Business

JC asked for advice on behalf of the Probus Club in relation to the equipment HBC hired out. He was given some advice and directed to the website which contained more details and costs.

12. Date of Next Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 5.45 @ Lovewell Blake offices.

Meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Action Points

DM to approach Maureen re membership

BB to investigate insurance cover for officers

HTCG – clarification of insurance cover

JC to pass cheque to HTCG re Xmas Lights

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JC to approach Therese Coffey re attending a breakfast event