

HALESWORTH BUSINESS CONNECTIONS
Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday 9th November 2011 AT 5.45 P.M.
At the offices of Lovewell Blake

Present:

Brian Bale	Chairman	BBa
Gary Stannard	Treasurer / Events	GSt
Colin Huggins	HTCG	Chu
Lesley Pyke	Newsletter / Events	LPy
Tim Heaps	Waveney Business Forum	THE
Keith Wright	Committee	KWr
Doug Mizon	Town Council Representative	DMi
Maria Wright	Committee	MWr
Jack Clayton	Committee	JCI
Sally Salmon	Membership Secretary	SSa

1 Apologies for Absence

Philip Cockburn	Secretary	PCo
John Harrison	Committee	JHa

2 Minutes of previous meeting held 5th October 2011

Carried over to next meeting. Pco to issue final set and agree at next meeting.

3 Matters arising not on agenda

None.

4 Treasurer's Report

GSt issued financial statement for 1 April 2011 to 9 November 2011.

It has been a quiet month for financial transactions.

Golf Club Breakfast - £158.95 now received, so a profit was made.

Subscriptions received from new member – Baytree Bistro.

5 Membership Secretary's Report

Baytree Bistro has requested to become a member – membership proposed by BBa and seconded.

SSa to make enquiries to establish if Judy Aspinall of Occasional/Elegance and Appaloosa (Phil Crank/Claire Mawer) wish to join HBC.

6 Halesworth Campus

Report in Community News – all seems to be moving forward.

Referendum due to take place January 2012.

No HBC member has come forward to be involved with Halesworth Campus as a liaison.

BBa to ask Simon Weeks for a possible article to go into HBC newsletter to follow up his talk and to also include an invitation for a HBC member to come forward as liaison and report to HBC Committee.

7 Town Centre Group

Latest newsletter has recently been emailed out.

Rita Doughty is Chair with Kim Hart of Baytree Bistro as Deputy Chair.

Christmas Lights - £1,500 Talk Talk donation due, amongst other contributions.

Gig in the Park unable to assist with entertainment this year so Christmas Lights switch on will be more focussed on choirs/carols this year.

Christmas Trees are going up in the Thoroughfare on Sunday 13 November 2011 and assistance requested.

Local businesses have been requested to make a donation towards the Christmas trees this year in the current emailed newsletter.

Remaining planters in Thoroughfare have now been replaced.

Town Council meeting due to take place to discuss High Tide Festival experiences.

Agreed that HBC will donate £200 to HTCG towards Christmas lights.

Press release for Christmas lights being placed in EADT. Promotion of Christmas lights switch on is difficult due to tight timescales.

Spar and Patricks newsagents are willing to put leaflets in newspapers.

“Odd items in the shop window” competition due to take place. Shops place an item they do not sell in their shop window and children to guess which items it is.

8 Town Plan Town Centre Group

JCI has produced and emailed 2 papers to the Committee regarding strategic plan for Halesworth.

Should HBC get involved as it is possibly a Town Council issue which is an ongoing debate.

Halesworth Town Council has taken over the town plan earlier this year and it is still being debated. Dmi confirmed that the strategic plan for Halesworth for the next 3 years is due to be finalised by the end of this year.

DMi to keep HBC updated.

No longer term strategic plan for Halesworth at present.

Action for Market Towns – GSt to provide contact details to JCI to make further enquiries.

9 Events

MP Therese Coffey breakfast at Halesworth Gold Club. Unfortunately the food was served cold, no cutlery for toast or fruit juices available, noise interference from

adjoining room. The will raise issue as will be booking Halesworth Golf Club for Waveney Business Forum. BBA also to discuss with Halesworth Golf Club.

No membership wide questions were asked – only questions came from Committee members.

Low turnout compared to last year's similar event at The Angel.

Festive First Friday to be held on 2nd December 2011 at Baytree Bistro. Venue reserved. £10 per bottle of wine and canapés (£6.50 per person) plus fruit juice option. Numbers are needed so responses required by 28.11.2011.

LPy to send out FFF invites asap.

Invite to be extended to Halesworth Town Centre Group. CHu will forward invite.

Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Halesworth Town Council to be invited. DMi will confirm contact email addresses to LPy.

Tony Goldson to also be invited.

MWr will confirm booking with Baytree Bistro.

150 diary cards to be produced in January 2012.

10 Newsletter

CHu will do an article on the Christmas Lights.

The will do an article relating to Waveney Business Forum.

BBA will do an article for Lovewell Blake as the firm focus by 18.11.2011.

11 Waveney Business Forum

Car parking – finding it difficult to obtain information from Waveney District Council to establish the revenue generated and the maintenance costs.

Is there a more efficient way of managing the car parks by decentralisation?

Once figures obtained, any further information may be obtained under FOI, then an independent survey can be commissioned. WBF has £10,000 in resources for this.

Breakfast with Ian Purdom regarding selling services to the Council due to be held on 30.11.2011 – bookings are low.

JCI will attending WBF December meeting.

12 Raising the HBC profile

Issue carried forward to next meeting.

13 Any Other Business

a) Feedback on Therese Coffey/Golf Club event – issue already dealt with earlier in meeting.

b) TV switchover help scheme – considered that this issue has now past.

- c) The Cut – Cutting Edge Development. BBa to contact Simon Raven for update and invite him to do a session at a HBC breakfast.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 December 2011 – 5.45 Lovewell Blake

Date changed from Wednesday 7 December 2011 due to Christmas festivities.