

BID Camborne AGM July 15th, 2014, 6pm at Lowenac Hotel

Draft Minutes

Present

Board members: George Le Hunte (Chairman), Mel Martin (BID Camborne Manager), Glynis Charlesworth, Fran Lander, Zoe Hall, Michelle Macklin, Wayne Richens, Alan Butterfield, David Crabtree

Levy payers: John Ormond, Sam Bowen, Alison Jones, Shaun Finnegan, Joanna Shelley, Eric Pascoe, Maria Long, Alan Hitchens, Jason Lessiter.

Apologies

Board members: Alan Honeybone, Max Doble, Jeanette Buckley, Lawrence Pavey, Mike Loncar

Levy payers: Alan Charlesworth, Karen Stone

1	<p>Minutes of AGM on 17th September 2013 These were agreed to be a true record of the meeting.</p>
2	<p>Re-election of Directors The following Directors were all nominated for re-election and the votes counted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George le Hunte, Class A Director • Alan Honeybone, Class B Director • Glynis Charlesworth, Class B Director • Max Doble, Class B Director • Fran Lander, Class B Director • Jeanette Buckley, Class B Director • Lawrence Pavey, Class B Director • Mike Loncar, Class B Director • Michelle Macklin, Class C Director • Wayne Richens, Class C Director • Alan Butterfield, Class D Director <p>All above Directors were re-appointed by a majority of 10 to 5</p>
3	<p>To Elect Directors whose nominations have been received for 2 vacancies No nominations had been received but John Ormond and Maria Long expressed an interest in becoming Directors. George will contact them to discuss further</p>
4	<p>To re-elect David Crabtree as a Class B Director David Crabtree was re-appointed Director by a majority of 10 to 5</p>
5	<p>To receive report of the Directors and accounts Mel presented report of the Directors and Year 2 accounts.</p>
6	<p>To receive presentation of the new Camborne brand</p>

	<p>John Lowdon, of Changing Brands, presented the new Camborne brand guidelines to the meeting.</p>
7	<p>Questions and Answers</p> <p>Q: New Connections is a disgrace. Dragging the town down. A: You should report any problems to the Police</p> <p>Q: What are you going to do during the 3rd year for the BID levy payers? Waste, insurances were discussed during the 1st year. Getting one company to handle waste would keep costs down. Nothing has progressed this year, need to look after levy payers. Would like a commitment from the board. Money has been unspent from the accounts. Get discount for utilities (waste, insurance, gas, water). A: BID Camborne has been working on the development of the town website and more media promotion which will get everyone outside of Camborne into Camborne. A tourist guide will be produced to bring more people into the area. CPR is the 2nd highest visitor area in Cornwall. Utilities have been explored, one issue is a practical issue. When you sign with a utility you have a tariff for a specific length of time. Due to this all businesses cannot join a new utility contract at the same time. BID Camborne will start business costs savings this year, as per the project plan.</p> <p>Q: No promotion of the 5 a Day Greengrocers but you are promoting Camborne Produce Market. A: The Market is an event for Camborne that attracts people into town Businesses have been asked if they want to have a stall at the market.</p> <p>Q: Could I have an outside bar at the Produce Market? A: Yes if you contact the market organisers.</p> <p>Q: What about the Directors vacancies? Those payers that would like to become a Director but have outstanding levy to pay, could we as levy payers, take it out of our pot of money so that they can stand? A: No That would mean all the businesses that have paid will be paying the other businesses levies.</p> <p>Q: Where do the Directors shop? A: Tesco, Card shop, Tyacks, Fruit & Veg shop. M& CO, Q Print, Aldi, Costcutter. Butchers etc. All shops within Camborne.</p> <p>Q: Could businesses be sent something with their levy bill asking them to check if contact details are correct? A: Cornwall Council oversee all the bills and this has been sub-contracted to BT. BID Camborne will ask. The form is included in the welcome pack for new businesses</p>

	<p>Q: Camborne Town Trail has been promoted by BID Camborne & Red Jackets is on the trail but we do not have a plaque.</p> <p>Q: Can you vote to elect a Director if you have not paid your levy. A: At the meeting BID Manager responded ‘Yes you can vote if not being paid’ as was not sure and did not want to exclude incorrectly. . <i>(Post Meeting Note: Only paid up levy members should be allowed to vote. One vote per business)</i></p> <p>Q: Do charities pay a levy. A: Yes if they have a shop selling goods</p> <p>Q: If a board wasn’t elected, will businesses still have to pay the levy. A: Yes, businesses still have to pay a levy whether there is a board or not. The levy is payable by law.</p> <p>Q: Businesses do not pay the same amount of levy. Why is this? A: Every business pays 2% of their Uniform Business Rates and every business will have a chance to vote again on the BID in 3 years’ time (whether it’s 2% levy or whether you want the BID again).</p> <p>Q: Is there an instalment process for paying the levy. A: Not at the moment, Cornwall Council is responsible for collecting the levy and follows the same collection process as for Uniform Business Rates. BID Camborne is lobbying Cornwall Council for instalment levy payments for BID, but at present this is not agreed.</p> <p>Q: Cleaning of Cross Street- one side been done and other side doesn’t look any different. Cleaning has not been done properly. How much of our money has been spent. A: Street cleaning is not part of the service Cornwall Council provides. BID Camborne has entered into a trial using Cory to pressure jet the pavements in the main BID area. A patch test was done first. A maximum budget allocation of £2K was made, but actual costs not yet know. This issue will be checked with Cory.</p>
	<p>Noted During the meeting the following points were noted: 1. Longacre Estate Agents said that they will rally people to come to the next meeting to make a stand.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.30pm.</p>

George Le Hunte

Chairman BID Camborne Aug 2014.