



**BID Camborne AGM
22nd September, 2015, 6pm at Lowenac Hotel
Draft Minutes**

Present	
Board Members: George Le Hunte (Chairman), Wayne Richens, Michelle Macklin, Alan Butterfield, Maria Long, Sharron Lipscombe-Manley, Max Doble, Glynis Charlesworth	
Levy Payers: Daphne Peterson, Jo Shelley, Jason Lessitor, Sam Bowen, Julie Bishop, Allan Bishop, Alan Charlesworth, Trevor Chalker, Colin Godolphin, Graham Winter, Nathan Billing	
Apologies	
Board Members: , Lawrence Pavey, Fran Lander, Alan Honeybone and Mel Martin (BID Camborne Manager) Levy Payers: Shaun Finnegan	
1.	Minutes of the AGM on 15th July 2014 These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting - proposed by Michelle Macklin, seconded by Wayne Richens, majority agreed.
2.	To Elect Directors Maria Long and Sharron Lipscombe-Manley were appointed by the board as Class B Directors during the year. George Le Hunte proposed, Wayne Richens seconded, all Directors, and a majority of those present, voted in favour of them being BC directors George Le Hunte (GLEH) informed the meeting that there were still two vacancies for Class B Directors if anyone was interested. He also informed the meeting that Malcolm Faull, from Trevithick Market, has put his name forward to become a Class B Director.
3.	To receive a report of the Directors and accounts GLEH presented the accounts and BC Projects for Year 3. During the presentation, GLEH informed the meeting that no organisation used to have responsibility for maintenance of the trees in camborne. The Forestry Department of Cornwall Council now has responsibility. Colin Godolphin responded that Camborne Town Council owns the trees in Commercial Square and they have a maintenance plan is in place. Any issues with them, please notify Camborne Town Council.
4.	Questions and Answers

There was discussion on the closure of Rosewarne toilets and the new Community Toilet Scheme by Camborne Town Council. Both Trevor Chalker (Mayor of Camborne) and Colin Godolphin (Deputy) answered questions regarding the toilets.

Colin Godolphin stated that it was a shame that BID Camborne didn't mention in their article that 5 businesses in town have opened up their toilets under the Community Toilet Scheme. The Community Toilet Scheme is better as it only costs the Council £8,500 instead of £22,000 if they were to keep Rosewarne Toilets open.

Q: Why is it £22,000?

A: CTC - This covers maintenance, cleaning etc and it was the figure for 2012. Camborne Town Council was the only council that conducted a survey. It will cost Falmouth Town Council £150,000 to keep their toilets open.

Q: Visitors arriving at the car park will look for the nearest toilet. It only costs Camborne Town Council £8,500 to keep it open and they are paid to keep it open.

A: CTC - Toilets are County Council and not a Town Council issue. BID Camborne responded: Provide us with some figures on how successful the Community Toilet scheme is and we will promote.

It was noted that Camborne Chamber of Commerce and BID Camborne have helped with the promotion of the Community Toilet scheme including delivering leaflets around town.

Q: Don't we spend enough on business rates. Why doesn't someone in the Councils take control. Since the toilets have closed, I've had to deal with drug and alcohol issues within my business because they think I have signed up to the scheme.

A: CTC - Under the community scheme, you have the right to refuse anybody to use the toilets.

Q: So it's open to the public with consent? So it's not open to the public!

Q: I have a business in Pool but I come into town. I wouldn't have a clue where the community toilets are.

A: CTC - A poster will be at Rosewarne Car park telling visitors where they can find the toilets.

Q: Most people will ask other people in town where the nearest toilets are. But they won't be able to tell them.

A: CTC represent 10,000 homes whereas BID Camborne only represents 300 businesses. We asked the public what their priorities are and the toilet scheme has sparked interest from other councils across the UK. This is a new project and it needs to be given a chance to work.

Q: BC - Agree its new, we should have worked harder to be given a period of grace and given the toilet scheme time to work. Regarding the

	<p>CTC public survey, the main priority from the public's perspective was the toilets and questions should have been asked fairly. You shouldn't ask questions on individual areas and then lump answers together so that it comes up as a higher percentage and a higher priority.</p> <p>A: CTC has a decision to make on how the public would like their money spent. The under 25's didn't see the toilets as a priority. Not everything was lumped together in the survey and corporately all the other areas were more important than the toilets. As a council we need to prioritise. CTC are prepared to cooperate with BID Camborne. Its cost against need and we intend to work with organisations.</p> <p>Q: What benefits do businesses see from paying business rates? A: CTC - Business rates go to central government so locally we don't see a real benefit.</p> <p>Q: Will we have Christmas lights at Trevithick Market? A: BC - There is no plan to put up Christmas lights at Trevithick Market but you can put up your own lights with consent from the landlord and make sure you have the correct liability insurance.</p> <p>Q: What do I get as a business on Albert Street? A: BC - Listing on the new CamborneTown.com website, promotion on social media and other support if required. We have spoken about your issues and explained that the BID levy is based on a percentage of the business rates you pay.</p> <p>Q: My business pays a high BID levy. It was mentioned previously before that the BID levy might be re-structured? A: BC - When we look at the next BID Camborne, we will look at the possibility of a re-structure.</p> <p>Q: Camborne Produce Market is promoted, why? I have lost custom on a Friday because of the Market. I thought hot food wasn't to be sold in the square? A: BC - Promoting the Market will bring in footfall. Ever since the Market has started, it has always sold elements of hot food and refreshments and more so last year.</p> <p>Q: Could BID Camborne provide lights for Camborne Church to have lights on 2 trees in front of the church during Christmas? A: BC - Provide a proposal on costs to BID Camborne and it will be looked at by the BC board.</p> <p>Q: Anything in the pipeline to get CCTV up in town? A: CTC - Penzance Town Council oversee the CCTV project and they are the leads. Issues with Penzance Town Council has held things up but we are hoping it will be resolved soon.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 7.30pm</p>