

## **Bude and Area Chamber of Commerce**

**Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> March @7.30pm at The Falcon Hotel**

### **Members Present;**

**Nicky Chopak, Alan Dickerson, Nigel Pearce, Mark Osborne, Lesley Sharratt, Harry McConville, Julie Howes**

### **Apologies**

**Clare & Pete LeBroy, Ann Cobbledick, Gary Page, Brenda Raven, Neil Tibbetts, David Whalley, Mike Footitt**

### **Matters Arising;**

Businesses are to be approached to help purchase banners and flags to be erected in Bude. Banners will be the maximum of £200 each dependent on quantity. Flag costs to be confirmed. All shops and offices will be given the opportunity to buy!

### **Treasurers Report**

£285.48- after all cheques having been paid. Membership invoices will be sent out following the AGM and the membership fee would be discussed at the AGM. £557 would then be placed in the Christmas Light fund as collected for the raffle at Christmas 2006.

### **Any Other Business**

Following the AGM, Chamber meetings would take place quarterly, and sub – committee meetings could take place as regularly as required. This is the Folk Festival, Christmas Lights and Late Night Shopping committees. This would need to be ratified at the AGM.

A newsletter and invitation for the AGM would be delivered in the next ten days with a ‘mission statement’ for the next twelve months. Refreshments for the evening will be sponsored by Compass Consultants. Cllr. David Whalley (CCC) will be the guest speaker

Harry M gave an update on the folk festival. The date is now confirmed as 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May, with both the Falcon and Tree Inn both offering their venues free. St. Austell Brewery have offered sponsorship and at least 10 folk music groups and Morris Men have been booked. Camping facilities have also been arranged. The Chamber has been asked for financial support for publicity. Bude Farmers Market are to be approached to see if they wish to get involved (AD to action). Harry was thanked for his efforts and a further meeting had been arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Budehaven Community School Certificate of Achievement Awards had now been launched and the Chamber had been asked to fully support this venture, accepting vouchers in exchange for goods up to the value of £10, £15 and £20. Participating

shops had been asked to display a poster in their windows and Mark O. would supply a list of current participating shops. £2,000 had been offered by Budehaven in this financial year. All shops are to be encouraged to join in.

The Chamber has received a letter inviting it's participation in the Annual Lions Swimathon.

Nigel Pearce (NCDC) informed the meeting of a planning meeting taking place at 11.30am Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March in respect to 'Farm Cottage Holidays' at the Strand and its application in respect to the windows. The Chamber will write a letter of support and Mark O. will attend the meeting.

Meeting closed; 9.30pm

Next Meeting; April 3<sup>rd</sup> - AGM