



**Annual General Meeting**  
 held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
 at 8.00am  
 at The Gateway Cafe  
 Centenary Park, Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven BN10 8RJ

## MINUTES

**In attendance:**

Campbell McBryer PTC  
 Chris Chandler  
 Claire Allum-Antilles  
 Deborah Donovan PTC  
 Jeremy Sogno  
 Lynn Enever  
 Phil Merry  
 Phil Davis  
 Rachel Hodson  
 Michele Oman  
 Stuart Foster  
 Phil Howson  
 Nicola Papanicolaou  
 Fatima Bacha – Youth Mayor PTC

**Committee Members:**

Mark Derrick  
 Rachel Brown  
 Helen Macaulay  
 Simon Studd  
 Grahame Bannister  
 Paula Gander  
 Simon Marks  
 Nigel Enever

**1. Welcome, Chairman's Report**

M Derrick read out his report of highlights in his first year as Chairman. Whilst membership had remained strong and stable, the new website had encouraged engagement between members and promoted the Chamber to the wider business community. The Breakfast Club continued to be a success with presentations from the previous MP Simon Kirby and newly-elected MP Lloyd Russell-Moyle, as well as Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance amongst others. Peacehaven Chamber's participation in the Seahaven Business Awards saw success for several members: Matt Chambers won Business Person of the Year and Madison took second place for Business of the Year; Claire Allum-Antilles took second place in New Business of the Year, Wave Leisure won Environmental Business of the Year and second place in Community Business of the Year, while CTLA won Community Business of the Year. Graham Bannister was presented with the Peacehaven Chamber's Chairman's award.

Members also participated in a Fun Golf Day on a lovely hot sunny day in July, closely followed by the Summer Fayre at the Big Park where the Chamber had a stand. We also had a stand at a Careers Fair organised by the Town Council in September and celebrated the Chamber's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a barbeque party at the Gateway Café with music provided by The Relics. In October a boat trip to the Rampion Windfarm was enjoyed by members – seeing the turbines at close range was remarkable. A Christmas get-together at the Telscombe Tavern (music provided by The Relics again) ended the calendar year. Chris Bray and Grahame Bannister were thanked for their 6-month terms as Breakfast Chair and the Committee were thanked for their work in keeping everything moving along.

The Chairman's Report was adopted by the meeting.

**Proposed by:** Phil Merry

**Seconded by:** Phil Howson.



**2. Minutes of the AGM held on 6 June 2017**

These were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising.

**Proposed by:** Helen Macaulay

**Seconded by:** Mark Derrick

**3. Treasurer's Report**

H Macaulay tabled a P&L report to the meeting. Income totals £7,631 - membership and breakfast receipts comprised the main income. Expenditure – mainly website costs and secretarial/bookkeeping. Loss for the year was £500 but surplus carried in the bank over £2,500. The report was adopted by the meeting.

**Proposed by:** Jeremy Sogno

**Seconded by:** Phil Howson.

**4. Nominations, elections**

**The secretary has received no other nominations for election to the Chamber Committee.**

**Chairman:** For this section, Chairman M Derrick handed over to Vice Chairman S Studd for the election.

Mark Derrick stands down from the role of Chairman and offers himself for re-election.

**Proposer:** Stuart Foster

**Secunder:** Phil Merry

Vote: carried unanimously.

S Studd handed back to Mark Derrick to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

**Vice Chairman:** Simon Studd stands down from the role of Vice Chairman and offers himself for re-election.

**Proposer:** Phil Howson

**Secunder:** Claire Allum-Antilles

Vote: carried unanimously.

**Treasurer:** Helen Macaulay stands down from the role of Treasurer. Simon Marks was co-opted onto the Committee last year and has indicated his willingness to stand for this position.

**Proposer:** Jeremy Sogno

**Secunder:** Chris Chandler

Vote: carried unanimously.

**Secretary:** Rachel Brown stands down from the role of Secretary. Paula Gander was co-opted onto the Committee last year and has indicated her willingness to stand for this position.

**Proposer:** Rachel Brown

**Secunder:** Debbie Donovan

Vote: carried unanimously.

**There were no other Committee members who are due for re-election on a rolling 3 year basis.**

Helen Macaulay was thanked for her years working on the Committee and was presented with flowers and a gift.

Rachel Brown was also thanked for her years working on the Committee and was presented with flowers and a gift.

Past Chairman Phil Merry also endorsed the work done over the years by Rachel and Helen.



## 5. Committee 2018/19

Mark Derrick	-	Chairman
Simon Studd	-	Vice Chairman
Simon Marks	-	Treasurer
Paula Gander	-	Secretary
Grahame Bannister		Webmaster
Nigel Enever	-	Ambassador
Rachel Brown	-	Committee Member

## 6. The year ahead

M Derrick outlined his vision for the year:

- Continuing to do more of what works well and less of what doesn't
- Building the Chamber's profile in the Community
- Use of the local press and members' skills to assist in achieving this aim. Also using social media to promote and report on events
- The power of the website needs to be built on to improve rankings.
- Engaging more with community groups and business group such as ACES and offer wider networking opportunities with other local chambers. Also Sussex Chamber of Commerce.
- Participation in the July summer fayre in conjunction with the Town Council
- More events at the Gateway café – perhaps a bbq late summer
- Speaker scheduled from Trading Standards and the MP will be invited back

In conclusion, there is a great deal to look forward to.

## 7. Close of formal meeting

The meeting closed at 8.27am.

### Open Discussion

- a) D Donovan asked if there was a way to add events into the Chamber's calendar on the website. M Derrick responded that it would be best to liaise with G Bannister in the first instance. The Chamber of Commerce calendar has no events listed at present.
- b) P Howson asked about evening events and would there be any more organised. S Studd responded that previously the Chamber found poor attendance when it was tried so for that reason, no further events had been organised. However, this could be considered further.
- c) M Derrick suggested a dinner dance but again this was not popular when organised for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. D Donovan noted this year was the 100 year remembrance of WW1 and something could be organised to commemorate. Trafalgar Day in October was suggested by H Macaulay. However, it was noted that most local members go to British Legion Club in Seaford. M Derrick said he would like to do a black tie event – possibly joint Chamber, maybe at Rathfinny. Also the Bowls Club had approached the Chamber and possibilities were available to organise something.
- d) Summer Fayre - S Foster suggested using the banner at the Dell for the event. M Derrick explained 5 or 6 members had decided to exhibit and would hopefully be grouped together. It was noted the Council were in need of sponsorship for the event (which is the biggest civic event in the town).
- e) N Papanicolaou reported that the National Dogs Trust Dog Show on 5 August would also bring a many visitors into the town.