

**MINUTES OF THE 85<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
LOUGHBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 @ 7.00 p.m. – Ramada Loughborough Hotel**

**In attendance**

Adrian McInnes	(President)	William Davis Limited
Vicki Brind	(Secretary)	Carillon Windows
Brian McInnes		Astra Zeneca
Dermot Breen		Life Member
Martin Traynor		Life Member
Phillip Collin		Charnwood Funerals
Jim Harkness		Travail Employment Group
David Pagett-Wright		Moss Solicitors
Robert White		R & J Antiques
Alex Reid		Mather Jamie
Aidan Reed		Aidan J Reed
Ivor Lovesey		Market Traders Association
Stephen Foster		Rent A Washa
Alvin Bailiss		Zodiac Recruitment Limited
Peter Sharpe		Honorary Member
Richard Hornsby		Brian Mee Associates
Maggie Robinson		M Powered Coaching
Karen Cunningham		Paperweight
Andy Jervis		Chesterton House Financial
Martin Shannon		Marsh & Moss
David Exley		The Rushes Shopping Centre
Stuart Simpson		Rainbow International
Gareth Bowen	(Treasurer)	HSBC Bank

AMcI welcomed everyone to the 85<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Loughborough Chamber of Trade & Commerce, with special thanks to the Mayor & Mayoress for their kind attendance.

AMcI presented the Mayor with a cheque for £300.00 for this year's Mayors appeal 'The Air Ambulance'! The money was raised at the Chamber Annual Dinner and was in addition to the Chambers previous donation of £250.00.

The Mayor thanked The Chamber members for their kindness and generosity, and for their support throughout the year. He commended Adrian McInnes on his excellent work as President and for his personal support to the Loughborough Chamber.

The Mayor (Councillor Ken Pacey) kindly presented Adrian McInnes with his 'Past Presidents' badge.

**1. Notice to convene the meeting**

The Notice to convene the meeting was taken as read.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Michael Smallman, Roy Jessop, John Ashford, Sarah Gilbert, Carol Summerville, Chris Howell, David Taylor, Paul Hull, Andrew Hill.

**3. Minutes of the 84<sup>th</sup> AGM held on Monday 20th February 2006**

The meeting agreed unanimously that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record.

**4. President's Annual Report 2006 / 2007**

President Adrian McInnes circulated his report, it made reference to the Chamber's efforts to tackle the challenges facing Loughborough being in the middle of the three cities. It stated that this would be a long process and that the business voice must be heard if Loughborough is to thrive.

It highlighted the revised Town Centre Master Plan, local planning issues, the imminent development of 24 hour CCTV monitoring and of course Car Parking!

The report made reference to various committees such as The Parish Green Project, Charnwood Community Safety Partnership, Fair Trade Steering Group, Charnwood Together, The Town Team & The Town Centre Partnership.

The President commended the work of the Executive Committee and thanked them for their support, he referred to the increase in membership during the past year but said the Chamber must continue to strive to build on this and increase membership further from all sectors. The report states that the benefit of better communication with members through the Chamber web-site will further be enhanced by an email database to enable information to reach all our members more quickly.

The report reviewed events and presentations held by The Loughborough Chamber over the past year.

**5. Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007**

Gareth Bowen (Treasurer) presented the audited accounts to the meeting and showed a very healthy position with considerable funds in hand. However it was decided that copies of the accounts should be forwarded to all members in attendance prior to them being accepted.

This is to be done imminently and formal acceptance of the accounts will be deferred until the next meeting of the Executive Committee in March. Copies of the Chamber accounts will be made available by Gareth Bowen (Treasurer).

**6. Election of all nominated Members to the Executive for 2007 / 2008**

It was proposed from the Chair that all Executive Committee Members were re-elected.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**7. Election of President 2007 / 2008**

The Executive Committee nominated Brian McInnes.

This was proposed by Martin Traynor and seconded by Jim Harkness.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**8. Election of Senior Vice President 2007 / 2008**

The Executive Committee nominated Adrian McInnes.

This was proposed by David Exley and seconded by Dermot Breen.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**9. Election of Secretary for 2007 / 2008**

The Executive Committee nominated Carla MacTavish.

This was proposed by Adrian McInnes and seconded by Maggie Robinson.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**10. Election of Treasurer for 2007 / 2008**

The Executive Committee nominated Gareth Bowen.

This was proposed by David Pagett-Wright and seconded by Alvin Bailiss.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**11. Election of Honorary Auditor for 2007 / 2008**

It was confirmed that Messrs March & Moss was willing to continue as the Chamber's Honorary Auditor.

This was proposed by Jim Harkness and seconded by Martin Traynor.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**12. Annual Subscription for 2007 / 2008**

It was proposed by Adrian McInnes and seconded by Alvin Bailiss that the annual subscription re-main at £75.00.

This was approved unanimously by the meeting.

**13. Any other business**

David Pagett-Wright thanked Adrian McInnes on behalf of the Executive Committee for his effective leadership in the role of President over the last 2 year's, he commended his constructive voice of influence on the committee and paid tribute to his handling of sometimes 'difficult situations'.

President Brian McInnes then thanked both Adrian and Vicki for their work with The Loughborough Chamber.

BMcI commented on the professionalism Adrian had brought to the Chamber and also his personal commitment and effort. One area in particular he noted was the work Adrian had achieved with the launch of the 'Town Centre Partnership', to which he was a founder member and was voted Chair of the Interim Board.

BMcI thanked everyone for attending the AGM. He expressed his thanks the Ramada (Loughborough) Hotel for their hospitality and use of the boardroom, not just for our AGM but throughout the year at our monthly Executive Committee Meetings.

There being no other business The President then declared the meeting closed.