

LOUGHBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 18th July 2005

In attendance

Adrian McInnes	President	William Davis Ltd
Michael Smallman	Senior VP	Del Rosa Developments Ltd
Vicki Brind	Secretary	Carillon Windows
Alvin Bailiss		Zodiac Recruitment
Paul Hull		PSH Telecom
Martin Shannon		Marsh & Moss
Brian McInnes		Astra Zeneca R & D Charnwood
Robert White		R & J Antique & Modern
Dave Exley		The Rushes Shopping Centre
Peter Sharpe		Honorary Member
Colin Wingate		Market Traders Association
Ivor Lovsey		Market Traders Association
Tony Simons		Market Traders Association
Christian Dezelu		Leicester Mercury
Chris Sibson		CTS Management Consultants

AMcI welcomed all to the meeting and introduced guest speaker Jonathan Hale Director of Physical Regeneration at Charnwood Borough Council.

Matters discussed

- i) Core Strategy – Charnwood Local Development Framework
- ii) Student Housing
- iii) Loughborough Eastern Gateway Redevelopment
- iv) Town Centre Masterplan
- v) Car Parking

Representations were made by various members of the Executive Committee with regard to ‘pay on exit’ car parking and additional parking incentive schemes/reduced rates etc...

It was further suggested that the Chamber set up a petition on behalf of retailers and local businesses to be presented to the Car Park Panel to outline the strength of feeling in this matter. AMcI also agreed to write to Cllr. David Slater to invite him and the Panel to attend the next Chamber meeting in August.

Action: AMcI

AMcI thanked Jonathan Hale on behalf of the Chamber for his time in attending the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Martin Palmer, Cindy Locker, Jim Harkness, Anna Seddon, Stuart Simpson, David Pagett-Wright, Roy Jessop, David Urwin, Phil Collins, Alex Reid, Karen Cunnington, Stephen Foster.

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Charnwood Local Development Framework

AMcI attended an all day seminar on Tuesday 28th June 2005.

CCTV Management Meeting

Nothing further to report - AB

3. Local business issues

Loughborough Parish Green Project

AMcI supplied plans for the project and announced that works would commence on Monday 25th July 2005. The first phase will be to re-establish the original graveyard, this is expected to take approximately 10 weeks.

4. Correspondence

- i) Letter RE: Car Parking Panel
- ii) New Senior Management Structure at Charnwood Borough Council
- iii) Charnwood Strategic Partnership Board - Agenda & Minutes
- iv) Charnwood Local Development Framework

With regard to the final matter, two consultation papers were received and it was decided that AMcI and MS would respond on the Chambers behalf if appropriate.

Loughborough Eastern Gateway – 3 Proposals

AMcI leaves the room as he has a vested interest in one scheme.

MS hands out brochures to all members and talks through the 3 proposals.

- 1) Barratts
- 2) William Davis
- 3) Wilson Bowden

MS to complete the questionnaire on behalf of Loughborough Chamber.

Action: MS

AMcI returns to the meeting

5. Sub Committees

Charnwood Community Safety Partnership

It was decided that AB would offer an invitation to Ashleigh Russell (Crime Reduction Officer) to do a presentation to the Executive Committee at our November meeting.

Action: AB

Retail Group

The first meeting of the Retail Chamber Group took place on Tuesday 28th June 2005 with representation from CBC & Atkins. Although disappointed with the turnout the actual meeting went well.

A further meeting has now been arranged on Monday 25th July 2005 with Max Hunt and Jonathan Hale. AMcI/PH/MS/IL to attend.

Following this meeting it was suggested that we correspond with local retailers in order that they are kept updated.

Action AMcI/PH

6. Membership

Two applications have now been received from The Gas Works and Cruise Bereavement Care

It was requested that certificates be issued to Chamber Members.

Recruitment of new members – MS/DE will target Metrobrook Retail Park.

Action MS/DE

7. Marketing

Roy Jessop has met with Tim Rogers (Greenwave) It has been agreed that a revised draft of the website will be circulated to the Chamber Sub-Committee in time for the next meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

It was reported that there was currently £2872.84 in the account allowing for the deposit of £300.00 to be paid for the Uttoxeter race meeting.

It was further stated that there were currently 30 subs outstanding to date.

9. Events

Following the Events Sub-Committee meeting which was held on Monday 27th June.

Annual Cocktail Party – It was agreed that this would be held at The Priory, Nanpantan Road, Loughborough on Wednesday 21st September 2005 from 6pm to 8pm. Invitation list to be compiled by AMcI & MS. VB to confirm booking/details with The Priory, order invitations and contact the Mayor's office.

Action AMcI/MS/VB

Race Meeting at Uttoxeter - Wednesday 7th September 2005. A hospitality box has been booked, which will hold a maximum of 30 people. The day will be fully inclusive of transport, full menu and all alcoholic and soft drinks throughout the day. The cost for this event is £106.00 per person.

Spring Ball – It was announced that although it was too late in the day to arrange this years 'Summer Ball', a 'Spring Ball' would be arranged for early next year.

Executive Members Christmas Dinner – This will be held on the night of the December meeting, Monday 19th December (18.30 for 19.00) at The Printroom Café Bar. Confirmation of attendance will be required by the end of November.

New Members Breakfast Meeting – Tuesday 11th October 2005 at The Printroom Café Bar. Arrive 08.30 for a 09.00 start! AMcI/VB to arrange for invitation to be circulated by email/post to all.

Action AMcI/VB

House of Commons

It was proposed that a trip be arranged for early next year (Feb/March) AMcI to correspond with Andy Reid (MP) to ask for his assistance with this.

Action AMcI

Forthcoming monthly Executive Committee Meetings

15 th August	-	Ramada Jarvis
19 th September	-	Astra Zeneca
17 th October	-	John Storer House
21 st November	-	Ramada Jarvis
19 th December	-	The Printroom Café Bar
16 th January	-	Loughborough University
20 th February	-	Ramada Jarvis

10. Any other business

The National Chamber has sent their 'Congratulations' to Olympic Committee. AMcI to write to Max Hunt as this is seen as a major benefit to the town.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th August 2005 at 6.00 p.m. - Ramada Jarvis Loughborough Hotel

