

## LOUGHBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005

### In attendance

Adrian McInnes	President	William Davis Ltd
Michael Smallman	Senior VP	Del Rosa Developments Ltd
Vicki Brind	Secretary	Carillon Windows
Peter Sharpe		Honorary Member
David Pagett-Wright		Moss Solicitors
Alvin Bailiss		Zodiac Recruitment
Brian McInnes		Astra Zeneca
Robert White		R & J Antique & Modern
Paul Hull		PSH Telecom
Stuart Simpson		Rainbow International
Phil Collin		Charnwood Funerals
John Brindley		Loughborough Echo
Varsha Parmar		Charnwood Rec

AMcI welcomed all to the meeting and introduced our host and guest speaker Neil Lambert.

Neil Lambert welcomed the Loughborough Chamber Executive Committee members to John Storer House and The Voluntary Sector. Alongside Neil was Runa Chowdhury who was representing Charnwood Racial Equality Council (CREC).

Following an informative presentation by Neil and Runa, AMcI thanked them both on behalf of the Chamber for giving up their time in attending our meeting and for their kind hospitality in allowing us the use of their facilities at John Storer House and for the refreshments provided.

### 1. Apologies for absence

Martin Palmer, Alex Reid, David Irwin, Jim Harkness, Ivor Lovesey, Karen Cunningham, Roy Jessop, Stephen Foster.

### 2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

No points for discussion.

### **3. Local business issues**

a) Loughborough Parish Green Project

AMcI announced that the Parish Green would be holding an open day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November with church service and family activities to mark the end of phase I. In attendance would be the Mayor & Mayoress and also the leader of the County Council.

b) Planning Application: Beacon View Farm (Brown Field Site)

Senior VP Mike Smallman leaves the room as he has a vested interest in this matter.

The Chamber considered the revised plan and decided to reiterate their views as per the previous application.

c) Planning Application: Loughborough Wharf

President AMcI leaves the room as he has a vested interest in this matter.

VP Mike Smallman put forward the above planning application.

It was decided that although the Chamber agrees in principle and that the development of this area is not in question, the Committee raised concerns over many aspects of the present application, amongst which the following headings were discussed at length, but conclusions not reached.

1. The over development of the site.
2. Dominant aspects and the massing of the proposed buildings.
3. Insufficient variety of uses in the proposal, being too much residential use and not enough varied commercial use.
4. Too many student bed spaces.
5. Lack of car parking spaces, which could lead to parking congestion in surrounding areas.
6. Further improvements to Canal Basin, boat-mooring areas and open public amenity needs to be considered.
7. Amenity building needs to be enlarged and provide further facilities.
8. Does the town need yet more bars and restaurants?

As there was no conclusion to the above it was decided that the Chamber would write and request that the Council defer any decision on the present application whilst further presentations were requested from various parties.

### **4. Correspondence**

- a) Leicestershire Day - Open invitation to all to attend on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005.
- b) Loughborough 'Twinning Event' – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005. Mayoral visit. AMcI to attend
- c) Letter RE: Student Housing Provision. No comment from Chamber.

- d) Letter of Thanks from the Mayor & Mayoress for the Chambers kind donation to this years Mayor's appeal.
- e) Follow-up letter from Jonathan Hale re: Car Parking. Requesting a meeting with AMcI, Jonathan Hale, Kevin Biddulph and Mark Whiteman to discuss plans for the run-up to Christmas. Meeting to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005.

## **5. Sub Committees**

### **1. Charnwood Community Safety Partnership**

Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 – Philip Collins attended and the following items were discussed;

The reported merger of police forces  
A new Community Support Officer by next April 2006  
The Community Crime Stopper initiative  
A further Neighbourhood Policing Operative

AMcI confirmed that Ashleigh Russell will attend the November Executive Committee Meeting.

### **2. Retail Group - Nothing to report.**

## **6. Membership**

An application has been sent to Bliss Hairdressing. There are still a few membership payments outstanding.

## **7. Marketing**

AMcI confirmed that a central database would be held and updated and that a devised pro-forma would be issued to all members to enable them to update full details including name, address and contact numbers/email address.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Martin Palmer was not present. Treasurer's report unavailable.

However AMcI put forward the suggestion that the Chamber made a donation of £500.00 towards the Christmas Advertising Campaign. This was agreed.

## **9. Events**

- i) New Members Breakfast Meeting. It was decided to once again delay this event until Tuesday 15th November 2005 to enable invitations to be circulated by email/post to all. AMcI/MS/VB to meet on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October to confirm details and invitations. **Action AMcI/MS/VB**

- ii) Web-site Launch.

AMcI to contact the Echo and arrange a photo opportunity.

- iii) Executive Members Christmas Dinner. This will be held on the night of the December meeting, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December (18.30 for 19.00) at The Printroom Café Bar. I have attached a 'Christmas Party Evening Menu' and would like confirmation of attendance by the end of November. The cost will be £22.95 per person.

- iv) 2005 Chamber's Annual Luncheon, Midlands Conference Centre, Leicester City Football Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 1.00 p.m.– 4.00 p.m.

AMcI asked for an approximate attendance with a view to booking a table. There was a strong show of hands so it was decided that VB would contact the Chambers event's team in order to confirm a booking a.s.a.p. An email will then be circulated to all and places confirmed on a first come first serve basis.

**Action VB**

- v) Annual Cocktail Party - It was reported that the Annual Cocktail Party was a success and that there had been some positive feedback from many members. It was agreed that AMcI would write to Scott and Julie at The Priory to express thanks on behalf of the Chamber.

The Events sub committee have arranged to meet on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2005. Once again Alvin Bailiss has kindly offered us the use of his meeting room at Zodiac Recruitment. Meeting will commence at 5.30 p.m. Please could you confirm your attendance to Vicki a.s.a.p.

Forthcoming monthly Executive Committee Meetings

21 <sup>st</sup> November	-	Ramada Jarvis
19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	The Printroom Café Bar
16 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Loughborough University
20 <sup>th</sup> February	-	Ramada Jarvis

## **10. Any other business**

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005 at 6.00 p.m. - Ramada Jarvis Loughborough**

