

LOUGHBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE
Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 16th July 2007

In attendance

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| Brian McInnes (BMc) | President | AstraZeneca |
| Carla MacTavish (CMc) | Secretary | Loughborough University |
| Adrian McInnes (AMc) | Vice President | William Davis |
| Alvin Bailiss (AB) | | Zodiac Recruitment |
| David Pagett-Wright (DPW) | | Moss Solicitors |
| Michael Smallman (MS) | | Del Rosa Development |
| Phil Collins (PC) | | Charnwood Funerals |
| Peter Sharpe (PS) | | Honorary member |
| Dan Martin (DM) | | Leicester Mercury |
| Robert White (RW) | | R&J Antiques |
| Paul Fileman (PF) | | SPS |
| Stephen Foster (SF) | | Rent a Washa |

1. Apologies for Absence

Baljit Kooner, Martin Shannon, Roy Jessop, Gareth Bowen, Vicki Brind, Maggie Robinson, Stuart Simpson, David Exley, Jim Harkness, Alex Reid and Robert White.

3. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting 18/06/07 were accepted as a true record.

4. Action Log



Action Log.xls

5. Correspondence

The correspondence sent to the Chamber this month included:

- LEC Events
 - Coaching for a whole life balance, 3rd July
 - Seminar: "A Critical Look at Concepts of Digital Memory" - Lab 5 Dept of Information Science: 19th July
- Max Boden
 - Her Majesty's Government
 - Flood Recovery
 - Leicestershire Day
 - Business Support Simplification Consultancy
 - East Midlands Railway Service
 - PM Announces Future Legislation

Leicestershire Day

The final report of the Leicestershire Day consultation event has now been published please visit the webpage via the link below, for further information:

<http://www.leicestershireday.co.uk/thisYearsEvent.php>

AMc advised there are two meetings planned of the Economic Strategy Group where they will be discussing moving forward to evolve a plan. AMc felt the plan should engage the whole of the county and not just Leicester as it seemed to be leaning toward.

If you have any questions about the report please email leicestershireday@headstorm.co.uk

Business Support Simplification Consultancy

The Business Support Simplification Programme aims to reduce the number of business support products and services to less than 100 by 2010. To hear more about recent regional progress and to have your say on the national consultation document you are invited to attend a regional consultation event at Pride Park, 10am-12noon on Friday 7th September 2007. Lunch will be provided afterwards with an opportunity for networking. BMC to check his availability to attend the event.

Action BMC

All correspondence received was forwarded to the members. For further information please contact secretary@loughboroughchamber.co.uk

5. Sub Committees

i) Charnwood Community Safety Partnership

PS advised the next meeting has been postponed until September.

ii) CCTV

AB advised this is an ongoing project and had nothing further to report.

iii) Fair-trade Steering Group

BMc advised there was nothing to report.

iv) Town Team

The next meeting of the Town Team will take place on the 14th August at 6pm. The Master Plan has now been published. AMc advised he would be asking for clarification on the role of the Town Team moving forward now that the Master Plan has been published.

v) Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

BMc will represent the Chamber at future meetings, William Davis have been invited to join the LSP as a local business, AMc will represent. BMC attended a Competitive, Growth & Learning Sub-Group meeting, main discussion around potential use of LABGI funding. A presentation was given on the proposed regeneration plan for East Loughborough, includes community centre, skills centre, creativity workshop. It was agreed that £85,000 of LABGI funding would be made available to support a feasibility study for the development

vi) Loughborough Town Centre Partnership

AMc advised there was nothing new to report.

vii) East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee

PS advised he had attended a meeting on Friday 22nd June and would share the minutes with the members at the next meeting of the Executive. PS reported that the Airport is key to local businesses and that whilst extra security can be a hassle for travellers it is absolutely essential for the safety of all.

6. Items for Discussion

New Business Support Workshop

AMc advised he and Vicki Brind had met and drafted a proposal for the new business support workshop. It will take place on the 10th October 2007 at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel, two guest speakers have been booked, David Pagett-Wright presenting on Business Law and Maggie Robinson presenting on Coaching Skills. The presentations will last approximately twenty minutes each followed by questions and a chance to network afterwards. The event will be open to members and their guests. If successful this will become a regular event covering a

range of subjects that would be of interest to the members. AMc and VB to meet and finalise arrangements for the event.

Action AMc

Inward business investment (Jonathan Hale proposal)

BMc presented to members the scoping document he and Jonathan Hale had put together (attached below):



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entrePromotionEvent

AMc suggested before Loughborough could be sold to potential new businesses, members needed to establish what they are promoting, What is Loughborough? Is it a Market Town, a University Town or a centre for Education? BMc suggested facilitating a group to establish key points like the town's strengths and its unique selling point. BMC to investigate further.

Action BMc

Feedback on car parking report

PC raised the issue of introducing parking charges on the streets around the town centre as it has been suggested in the car parking report that there should eventually be no free parking in the centre of town. PC and some members felt this would be a dreadful move for the town as people could start to travel further if they have to pay to park rather than use public transport. AMc believes the trial for pay on foot car parking at Beehive Lane should be longer than six months to give it a fair trial and the members present agreed. BMc to respond accordingly to Jonathan Hale with the members views.

Road transport issues - road charging

BMc asked members how they felt about the possible implementation of road charging in and around Loughborough. Members felt that this is totally unnecessary and all that is needed to relieve the congestion in the town is the inner relief road that has been planned for years.

7. Membership

Brian McInnes advised the group 41 memberships have been renewed so far. BMc has now sent out follow up letters. Paul Fileman suggested the possibility of introducing a membership secretary to bring in new members, possibly with a compensating honorarium attached. AMc suggested an honorary member may be able to take this on with the support of the Chamber. BMc to discuss further with Honorary members.

Action BMc

8. Treasurer's Report

BMc advised the financial situation is currently strong.

9. Events

Events for this year will include:

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| July | - | Cancelled due to flooding - Race Day at Southwell |
| August | - | BBQ – Zodiac Recruitment to sponsor music |
| 12 th September | - | Cocktail Evening at the Ramada Jarvis |
| 13 th September | - | Golf Day, Longcliffe Golf Course |
| 17 th November | - | Presidents Dinner Dance at the Carillion Rooms |
| 17 th December | - | Executive Christmas Dinner at the Print Rooms |
| TBA | - | Dinner on the Great Central Railway |
| TBA | - | Networking Event / New Business Event |

If you have any comments or queries regarding the above programme please email secretary@loughboroughchamber.co.uk

AB advised the Race Day at Southwell has now been cancelled due to flooding at the race course.

BBQ - The details of this will be communicated to the members shortly. This event is open to family and friends as well as members.

Forthcoming Executive Committee meetings:

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| Monday 20 th August | - | Ramada Hotel (Loughborough) |
| Monday 17 th September | - | Ramada Hotel (Loughborough) |
| Monday 15 th October | - | Ramada Hotel (Loughborough) |

10. Any Other Business

MS proposed Roy Jessop be given an honorary membership to the Chamber he advised Roy has been a good ally and worker for the Chamber with invaluable experience. AB seconded the motion and all members present agreed. The motion was carried. BMC to write to Roy.

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AB raised his concern at the building site situated on Woodgate as it appears not to be moving on and is causing huge disruption to the highways as well as the town centre. The site was planned to be up and running by September 07. BMC to raise the concern with Jonathan Hale.

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AB also raised his concern at the potential Landfill site being planned for the old quarry site adjoining the motorway junction situated in Shepshed. AB felt the possible disruption to the motorway junction, the smell from the site and the emissions could create problems for the town. BMC will contact Biffa and invite a representative to come and discuss their plans with the members.

AMc expressed his disappointment at the state of the roundabouts in Loughborough. The Town roundabouts are looking shabby and rundown. The Members present agreed. It is now the responsibility of the County Council to manage and maintain these roundabouts. BMC has written to the people concerned and will circulate the letter to the members.

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11. Date of Next Meeting

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| Monday 20 th August | - | Ramada Hotel (Loughborough) |
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