

LOUGHBOROUGH CHAMBER OF TRADE & COMMERCE
Minutes of Executive Committee meeting held on Monday 17th September 2007

In attendance

Brian McInnes (BMc)	President	AstraZeneca
Carla MacTavish (CMc)	Secretary	Loughborough University
Alvin Bailiss (AB)		Zodiac Recruitment
David Pagett-Wright (DPW)		Moss Solicitors
Jim Harkness (JH)		Travail Employment Group
Maggie Robinson (MR)		M Powered Coaching
Gareth Bowen (GB)		HSBC
Karen Cunningham (KC)		Paperweight
Roy Jessop (RJ)		Honorary member
Baljit Kooner (BK)		Carillon Court
Ray Hurst (RH)		Charnwood Borough Council
Steve Haymes (SH)		Biffa

1. “Charnwood Business Forum” Presentation by Ray Hurst

Ray Hurst from Charnwood Borough Council Economic Regeneration department introduced the Charnwood Business Forum event. The event is an initiative by Charnwood Borough Council that allows businesses and new businesses from a wider area to network and meet fellow business associates and put their local regeneration ideas forward. There is an event arranged for South Leicestershire taking place on the 27th September 2007, RH advised he would like to engage with business in the local area to set up a similar event for the North of Leicestershire. RH proposed working with the Chamber to use the knowledge the Chamber has, to engage with a wider audience. BMc suggested a representative of the Chamber liaise with RH and discuss the proposal further. MR volunteered to assist. RH also introduced The Charnwood Business website which is another initiative from Charnwood Borough Council designed to help businesses find the information they need about doing business in or locating business news, events and opportunities within the area and has dedicated business support information.

2. “Shepshed Waste Management facility” Presentation by Steve Haymes

Steve Haymes from Biffa gave a brief presentation of Biffa’s plans for the old quarry site in Shepshed. Biffa propose to turn the site in to a waste management facility that would include a landfill site. The site would involve collection and treatment of waste. Biffa have submitted their plans and are now in a consultation period. A traffic impact assessment has been carried out on the area based on Biffa having approximately 143 vehicles per day entering and leaving the site. SH advised Biffa had discussed with the Highways Agency the possibility of having a direct link on and off the Motorway but the Highways Agency were not keen on the idea so in the current plans the vehicles would be using the existing entrance on Ashby Road. SH informed members of a new government strategy as of October 2007 that requires all waste to be treated before going to landfill and landfill tax will increase over the next few years. This will mean waste facilities encouraging recycling and decreasing the amount going to landfill.

The Chamber members present expressed concern that proper consideration is given to traffic impact and the possible adverse effect the site could have on the local area.

3. Apologies for Absence

Adrian McInnes, Vicki Brind, Stuart Simpson, Paul Fileman, Peter Sharpe, Mike Smallman, Alex Reid and Robert White.

4. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting 20/08/07 were accepted as a true record.

5. Action Log



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6. Correspondence

The correspondence sent to the Chamber this month included:

- Max Boden: Leicestershire Chamber Business Update Sept 07
- Michael Jackson: Street Wardens Meeting
- LEC Annual Dinner
- LEC Event: Seminar

All correspondence received was forwarded to the members, no comments were received. For further information please contact secretary@loughboroughchamber.co.uk

7. Sub Committees

i) Charnwood Community Safety Partnership

There was no update this week.

ii) CCTV

AB advised the group he had visited Newark and Grantham to review their CCTV systems. He reported the systems they use are more sophisticated and have a larger coverage zone than the ones currently in Loughborough. The information and advice received will be of great help when planning further Loughborough CCTV.

iii) Fair-trade Steering Group

There was no update this week.

iv) Town Team

BMc advised the next meeting would be held in November.

v) Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)

BMc and AMc attended the Loughborough Together Board meeting that was held on the 5th September. BMC reported that the local area agreements were being set up and there would be nine in total that would engage with the local interest groups.

vi) Loughborough Town Centre Partnership

BMc advised the Christmas programme will begin on the Wednesday 28th November and include many events during the run up to the big day with Wednesday's being open for late night shopping.

vii) East Midlands Airport Consultative Committee

There was no update this week.

8. Items for Discussion

There were no items raised for discussion.

9. Membership

Membership will be discussed further at the next meeting.

10. Website

The options for the website will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Treasurer's Report

GB advised the financial situation was good at present.

12. Events

Events for this year will include:

July	-	Cancelled due to flooding - Race Day at Southwell
August	-	BBQ – Cancelled
12 th September	-	Cocktail Evening at the Ramada Jarvis
13 th September	-	Golf Day, Longcliffe Golf Course
10 th October	-	Business Workshop
24 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

BMc reported both the Golf Day and the Cocktail Evening had been a success and were well received by all.

The invitations for the Business Workshop have been sent out to over 500 businesses as well as Chamber members.

The Presidents Dinner Dance Invitations are being sent out this week, commencing 17th Sept. Responses will be sent directly to AB who is organising the event.

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

Forthcoming Executive Committee meetings:

Monday 15 th October	-	Ramada Hotel (Loughborough)
Monday 19 th November	-	Ramada Hotel (Loughborough)

13. Any Other Business

GB to send CMc a copy of last year's Chamber membership certificate.

Action GB

CMc to arrange production of certificates for members.

Action CMc

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15 th October	-	Ramada Hotel (Loughborough)
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