

**Minutes of the AGM  
of the  
Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce  
held on  
Tuesday 21 February 2023**

**at 6.00pm  
in the  
The Wyatt Room, Wilfrid Noyce Centre**

**Present:**

John Taylor (JT) – Cornmeter – President	John Lloyd – Blue Dot Display
Matthew Pactat (MP) – Treasurer	John Guthrie – Hart Brown
Julie Holland – Wild Learning	Tom Enser – Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice
Janet Taylor – Cornmeter	Roger Coleman (RC) – Spinning Poodle
Alison Daniels (AD)– Secretary	Adam Boshoff (AB) – Seymours Estate Agents
Kevin Depree (KD)– Godalming Food	Andy Jeffries – Godalming Town Council
Stefan Reynolds (SR)– Vantage Point	Tim Ostle (TO) – Charterhouse Enterprises
Lorna Embleton – Godalming Theatre Group	
An observer whose signature is illegible (Karen? Kim? From?)	

	<u>Minute</u>	<u>Actions</u>
1. Apologies for Absence	Patsy Bell (Calico Curtains),Martine Robins (HR Dept), Tom Grillo ,Carmen & Tim Henniker Parker (TiCa Photography), Claudia Rowell (Anstey Bond), Pam Talbot (Godalming Trust), Simon Crowther (Go Godalming), Kate Wheeler (GBH Law) and Greg Holden (Temple Wealth)	
2. President's Welcome	The president welcomed members to the meeting	
3. Previous Minutes	The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved. The Chamber has heard nothing from Lite Radio or from our High Street Specialist Police Officer but members are reminded that they should inform the Committee of any issues that they would like raised with Surrey Police.	ALL
4. Previous minutes -Update on High Street	JT updated the meeting on latest businesses moving into the High Street:  Mistral - Physio Edinburgh Woollen Mill – Pizza Express Barclays Bank - Cosy Club? Marks & Spencer Food ( Pulled out of M & Co building but might try again in 2 years time to move into Godalming) Waverley BC has purchased the M & Co building which will be split into 2 shop units, offices upstairs and 4 housing units at the rear. This will provide WBC with an income stream.	
5. BID Update	AD presented a short presentation on where Godalming is in the Business Improvement District process. If successful it is estimated that between £750K - £900K could be invested in Godalming. Without the BID this investment will not	

	<p>happen which has the potential to result in a slow decline in Godalming.</p> <p>The key objective is to create a shopping list of projects that will benefit existing businesses located within the BID area and promote Godalming as a business destination.</p> <p>The initial consultation period will end in June 2023 when the business plan will be written. Businesses within the BID area will be invited to vote in September 2023. If 51% of those businesses agree, then the BID will go ahead, however, if 51% do not agree, then the BID will not go ahead. Godalming will then have the opportunity to reapply, should they wish to, in 5 years.</p> <p>Frances Pearce has been engaged by the Chamber as Project Manager, to market the BID.</p> <p>A web designer has been engaged to produce the BID website and other collateral.</p> <p>Initial funding has been provided by the Godalming Chamber, WBC, Godalming Town Council, Cornmeter and Waitrose.</p> <p>Next challenge is to find 8-12 people willing to sit on the BID task force committee.</p> <p>Discussion followed on how the BID area is defined, progress of other Chambers in Waverley with their BID process etc.</p>	
<p>6. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>MP reported on the current finances, highlighting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership fees still lower than pre covid fees</li> <li>• 49 members in 2022; currently 35 members have paid their 2023 fee. Hope to get to 50 paid up members this year.</li> <li>• 2022 Food festival raised £4,271</li> <li>• Costs have been controlled. Largest expense the subsidisation of the lunchtime networking lunches.</li> </ul> <p>Surplus for the year £2,999</p> <p>Closing Cash Balance £15,870 excluding the BID bank balance of £8,533.</p>	
<p>7. President's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022 Food Festival – thanks to Kevin for organising such a successful event. Although there was a lower number of stallholders there was a 37% increase in footfall. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2023 Food festival will go ahead on 2nd July alongside a Classic Car Show event on the Burys Field. The sponsors will be Seymours Estate Agents &amp; Cornmeter.</li> <li>○ Save the date and watch out for details on Facebook, our website, Instagram, banners, flyers and adverts in Vantage Point. We are planning to invite other Chambers to attend.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Networking lunchtime events – thanks to Alison Daniels &amp; Kate Wheeler for organising these events which will continue this year on a bi monthly basis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Next event Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.</b> We continue to experiment with new venues.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• JT and TO meet with Waverley BC on a regular basis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These have varying degrees of success</li> <li>○ Crown Court Consultation – still ongoing. Waverley's figures being checked. Council elections on May might have an impact on final decision.</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p>

<p>8. Appointment of officers and committee members</p>	<p>The Committee's objectives this year include finding new committee members to replace committee members next year. We need fresh blood because most of the present committee have been serving for 10 – 15 years.</p> <p>Nominations were proposed and seconded and the following were unanimously voted to serve for the following year:</p> <p>Officers: John Taylor – President Matthew Pactat – Treasurer Alison Daniels – Secretary</p> <p>Committee members: Roger Coleman – Standing Vice President Adam Boshoff Kevin Depree Tim Ostle Stefan Reynolds Kate Wheeler</p> <p>The president expressed his thanks to his consultants – Dawn Tippet (Boots Opticians) Greg Holden (Temple Wealth)</p> <p>And looked forward to working with Tabitha Lee (GBH Law) with our social media, newsletter communications etc. and with Jenna Hopkins (Downs Solicitors) who will be assisting with legal &amp; administrative matters</p>	<p>If any other members would like to join the Committee they are most welcome to join us.</p>
<p>9. A presentation from Tom Enser – Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hospice requires £25,000 per day to provide its services.</li> <li>• Total budget requires £12 million per annum of which the NHS contributes 20%</li> <li>• The hospice has 14 beds to provide respite care, symptom management &amp; compassionate end of life care.</li> <li>• The Charity also provides care in patients homes by trained nurses and a team of volunteers help with driving, shopping and cleaning for patients.</li> <li>• Counsellors help families with financial advice as well as therapy during these difficult times.</li> <li>• There are two day hospices in Farnham and Hindhead to give respite to carers.</li> <li>• Over all the hospice sees on average 350 patients per day</li> <li>• Main source of revenue is the 18 charity shops run by the Charity</li> <li>• Corporate fund raising includes team building events, including sky diving, abseiling, Three Peaks Challenge etc, bake sales, gameathon challenges, etc Please contact Tom for more details of how your company could help this wonderful local charity</li> <li>• This year is the Hospice's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The hospice is currently in a 1930s building and is new hospice is being built to accommodate 80 beds instead of 14. Project will cost £60m of which £10m is coming from the Charity's reserves. Trusts &amp; private donors are being approached and Tom will check whether an application has been made to Waverley BC with regard to its Community Infrastructure Levy Fund.</li> </ul>	
<p>10. AOB</p>	<p>Dates for your diary – 21.3.23 Full meeting with guest speaker from The HR Dept 21.4.23 Lunchtime networking June – retailers event TBC 6.7.23 Summer evening event at The Lawns, Charterhouse</p> <p>The meeting ended at 19.00 followed by networking.</p>	

