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**Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Wellington Town Council Chambers, 28 Fore Street,
Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8AQ on Wednesday 24th March 2010.**

Present

T.Sanford (Crosslink Academy and Chamber Chairman)
S.White (Wellington Weekly News, Chamber Vice Chairman and Joint Chamber Social Secretary)
D.Derrick (Chamber Secretary)
H.Thorne (Wellington Newsagents and Chamber Treasurer)
C.Wiggan (Sandwich Stop and Joint Chamber Social Secretary)
A.Hunt (Quantum Enterprises)
D.Hawkins (Paul Fudge Funeral Directors)
M.Sales (IMC Creations – New Member)
J.Goss (Judith Goss Florists)
J.Thorne (M2S Media)
F.Morris (Retired)
Cllr J.Govier (Wellington Town Council)
I.Stock (Guest – Three Spheres Marketing)

Apologies for Absence

D.King (King's Cycles and Chamber President)
M and A.Coate (Wellington Farmers Market)
Cllr D.Mitton (Wellington Town Council)
Cllr J.Reed (Wellington Town Council)
Cllr P.Critchard (Wellington Town Council)

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24th February were read, approved and signed off.

Matters Arising

S.White noted that the Cadets fundraising event on Saturday 10th April was a table top sale and not a jumble sale.

The steering committee for the Wellington Boot Throwing Event was formalised.

Networking Session

The session planned for Monday 15th March did not occur due to it not meeting with the minimum specification as set out when organising the session.

A wide and all encompassing discussion was entered into with the reasons for lack of support been reviewed.

M.Sales had experience of been a convenor for a business league and could and was prepared to offer practical assistance to drive this sort of event forward.

J.Thorne noted this was not simply a chance to meet with new people, but was a chance to explore and develop relationships that already existed.

Balancing matters is key and the meeting resolved to run an event with a minimum of ten attendees and support on the evening – T.Sanford and M.Sales to look at and plan.

Apathy needs to be overcome.

Supermarkets – General

Waitrose was seen as being in town, but was not part of the town, the right things are said in the right places, but actions were needed to convince some that they were interested in developing matters for the town rather than simply the Company.

Invites to representatives from ASDA, Co-Op and Waitrose to attend Executive meetings one at a time would be issued.

Contact to be made, but through which channels?

T.Sanford and D.Derrick to discuss.

Financial Report

H.Thorne reported a balance of £1463.82 and membership fees were received to an acceptable level.

An amount of cash was to be transferred to the Savings Account with respect to the residual sum from the 2009 Boot Throwing event.

Wellington Town Council Report

Cllr J.Govier reported on behalf of the Town Council as follows,

Transport issues such as the Northern Relief Road, Wellington Train Station etc were designed to ease congestion, although the County Council were sticking to a 2005 decision that related to granting permission for a food store (Waitrose) and having to accept a certain level of increased travel congestion or having no food store, but no increase in travel congestion.

Pressure needed to be applied to SCC.

The activities of the Emergency Planning Committee were reviewed and a Transition Town event set for Thursday 13th May at 6.00pm at the United Reform Church was looked at too.

Chamber Website

A.Hunt had provided a commercial quote for working on the Chamber website and this was to be looked at with T.Sanford.

Court Fields Community School – Progress Report

The meeting was informed of the progress being made by the Young Chamber that was based at the School.

Wellington Boot Throwing Event – Progress Report

The steering group for this event had met before the main meeting and had confirmed the use of Court Fields Community School's field beside the Recreation Ground for an event on Saturday 11th September from noon – 6pm.

All was in hand and a full meeting of the group was to be called in April.

Future Guests and Presentations

This was an area of importance as 2010 progresses and a calendar of such would be drawn up.

Pannier Market

The meeting was broadly in favour of the idea, but with certain caveats such as correct siting arrangements being adopted, no clash with existing traders and their vicinity etc.

An item to develop in close liaison with the Town Council.

May Day Bank Holiday Monday Event at Wellington Park

It was agreed to enter the event and use this as an opportunity to have a stall based around raising the profile of the Chamber.

H.Thorne was asked to raise a cheque for £10.00 to cover the cost of a pitch with D.Derrick to complete and send off entry form.

Public Liability insurance was required too and the time scale for all to be in place was narrow as the entry had to be in by Saturday 10th April at the latest.

Wellington Farmers Market

Although not in attendance at the meeting M.Coate asked for aspects of the organisation that he chairs to be recorded – the twice monthly Farmers Market would be unlikely to move into the town centre fully due to issues with road closures and the effect that being uncovered during inclement weather would have on trading – trading would continue as present.

Three Spheres Business Survey

I.Stock gave a detailed breakdown of the data obtained and reviewed the survey he had recently conducted and all can be found at www.3spheres.org.uk

Any Other Business

S.White asked for a membership pack to be designed for new members to have to welcome them to the Chamber.

It was agreed to do so and to tie this in with the website overhaul.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 28th April at Wellington Town Council Chambers, 28 Fore Street, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8AQ from 6.00pm.

T.Sanford
Chairman