

Minutes of the Committee meeting of the Marden Business Forum, held on Thursday 26th September 2013, at 6 pm in Airclean Conference Room, Pattenden Lane, Marden. TN12 9QS

Committee Members Present:

Liz Stanley - Vice Chairman
Steve Ford - Secretary
Andrew Streek - Committee

Apologies received:

David Burton – Chairman
Angus Boucher – Treasurer
Bob Long - Committee
Ben McGannan – Committee

Forum Members Present:

None.

Welcome: Liz Stanley, Vice Chairman, took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. As there were only three present, it was agreed that the meeting would review previous business.

Minutes of Last Meeting: the minutes of the last committee meeting had been distributed before the meeting, and were agreed.

Matters arising: review of plans for next event, Meet and Greet at Stilebridge on 3.10.2013

- Due to previous commitments the invitations will now be sent out by email on Friday, the proposed format was agreed, with further follow up emails on Monday and Wednesday to all members.
- Membership list to be telephoned as follow up to invitations by available committee members, the list was split as follows:
 - A – C SLF
 - D- Laurel Projects AS
 - M.J.Pallets to R Fryer - DB
 - RR Day to Z and a few selected others LS
- A poster to go on the counter at Stanleys garage was proposed, and will be reprinted with a couple of modifications.
- Email invite to non members, inviting them to rejoin and come along to the event, this to be sent on Friday and next Tuesday
- 6 Bottles of Champagne have been purchased at £18+VAT, for the raffle by LS
- AS agreed to organise Raffle Tickets for the evening.
- SLF will bring PA
- LS will bring Name labels, and ask Jill if she will undertake ensuring everyone has a label when they come in.
- Thought simple finger food would be preferable, budget was agreed previously at £250
- DB to liase with Stilebridge about Meal voucher prize, and food

Previous minute outlined planned running order as follows:

- **Meet and Greet @ Stilebridge** (DB) 3.10.13, all booked.
 - SLF to provide PA system if necessary.
 - 1 minute business introductions will be built into this event.
 - Running Order: John Warnett (Radio Kent) to do opening warm up, a round of one minute adverts, then Kirsten from K College to speak for 5 minutes about K college apprenticeship schemes, then more 1 minute adverts. (DB and SLF to meet with Kirsten, prior to meeting)
 - Free Raffle – one ticket per drink purchased, Suggested prizes: £100 Meal Voucher at Stile Bridge, 6 Bottles of Champagne for Spot prizes (LS), Free Full page advert in Directory
 - Invite to be for the member and a guest

Vehicle Restrictions through Yalding.

- General discussion took place concerning this, and AS had confirmed that a petition is not as meaningful as letters with hard facts about benefits or hardship.
- We are all witnessing difficulties of supplies getting to Marden, and some additional costs that particular companies are having to levy, to work in Marden.
- AS is trying to get everything together for delivery to KCC on Monday 30.9.2013

Membership: Web site joining form - a joining member was expecting some feedback from the Joining form on the web. SLF to organise an automatic email, saying thank you for joining and an invoice will be received by post.

AOB:

None

Date of Next committee Meeting: will be on 31.10.2013 commencing at 6pm, to be held in the Claygate Board Room, Pattenden Lane, Marden.

Meeting closed at 6.40pm, with thanks to Steve of Airclean for hosting the meeting.