

Minutes of the Committee meeting of the Marden Business Forum, held on Thursday 29th August 2013, at 6 pm in Water Wellbeing Offices, Pattenden Lane, Marden. TN12 9QS

Committee Members Present:

David Burton – Chairman
Liz Stanley - Vice Chairman
Angus Boucher – Treasurer
Steve Ford - Secretary
Ben McGannan – Committee
Andrew Streek - Committee

Forum Members Present:

None.

Apologies received:

Bob Long - Committee

Welcome: David Burton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting: the minutes of the last committee meeting had been distributed before the meeting, and were agreed, with the amendments circulated in Rev A.

Matters arising: there were none, not covered by Agenda items.

Website Update: Progressing well, various suggestions made for August Newsletter.

Last Parish Council Meeting: Liz attended, the MBF was welcomed to the meeting, and Liz was able to share the successes of the MBF and the forthcoming events.

Membership Renewals

- 68 businesses have renewed their membership.
- SLF to publish list of members and members not renewed which will facilitate committee members making personal contact with those not renewed.

Treasurers Report: the balance sheet was circulated, and discussed, which showed £6933 being held at the Bank with £29 of accruals against future payments. The amount of money held, was discussed, and confirmed the previous decisions, that the surplus will underpin the costs of the directory and future events.

Events Planned:

- **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
- **Possible future event** – Champagne Tasting Event BM

Vehicle Restrictions through Yalding.

- Consultation ends on XXXXXXXX
- Various petitions have been started, and are available to join
- The longer distances travelled now by large vehicles, may be restrictive to business growth in the village
- It is apparent that lorries are now using other routes, through the village.

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- Try and get this in the Newsletter. The Forum has no opinion, as we represent you and you have differing views, so make your opinion known.....

AOB:

- Closure of Childrens Centre in Marden, out for consultation, will be put in the Newsletter.

Date of Next committee Meeting: will be on 26.9.2013 commencing at 6pm, to be held in the Airclean Conference Room, Pattenden Lane, Marden . BM and AB gave their apologies for absence.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm, with thanks to Ben of Water Wellbeing for hosting the meeting.