



The Worthing and Adur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd

71st Annual General Meeting

held at

The Dome, Marine Parade, Worthing

on

Wednesday, 22nd April 2009

Present:

Peter Bennett	Bennett Griffin	Tina Tilley	Worthing & Adur Chamber
Roy Bishop	Hon. Member	Karen Simporis	Henry House Hydrotherapy
Ian Vickers	Vantis	Alistair Vickers	Ayers Bright Vickers
Dorothy Peters	Chloe Antiques	Roy Stannard	Spring Marketing
Tracie Davey	Worthing Chamber	Richard Amey	
Mark Matthews	Web Adur	Mark Landon	PEP the Printer
Tina Ellis	Q.A.H.H.	Katrina Travis	Clothing Connection
Phil Gale	Lloyds TSB	Kay Phillips	24x
Heather Mercer		Cllr Keith Mercer	Worthing Borough Council
Phil Bristow	Nsure	Andy Headworth	Sirona Consulting
Mike Cottee	Doctor Watson	Matt Royal	The Best of Worthing
Tina Barker	Worthing Borough Council	Rhys Price	Worthing High School
Stephen Walby	Stephen Walby Photography	Chris Coopey	Carpenter Box
Derek Marks	Iconique Images	Julia Johnson	Guild Care
Tony Candler	Anthony Candler & Assoc	Malcolm Gilbey	Audit Confirmation Serv.
Sam Hallett	Balloon Wrap & Decoration	Tony Hedger	A & T Business
Andrew Lake	LD Entertainment	Sheryl Tipton	Chatsworth Hotel
David Taylor	Citylocal Worthing	Karen Purser	Durrington High School
Keith Gallis	Theatre Experience	Graham Vaughan	Enterprise Actions
Gill Fairbank	Hendesigns Ltd	Bob Henderson	Hendesigns Ltd
Maggie Taylor	Hunters Recruitment	Derek Marks	Iconique Images
Geoffrey Bignell	Just Employment	Paul Henrion	Just Employment
Alexandra Hose	K Design	Geoffrey Snowden	Newman Business Solns
Nigel Morgan	Purple Oak	Guest	Purple Oak
John Haffenden	Shoreham Airport	Sara Headworth	Sirona Consulting
Janet Ormerod	Sx Community Foundation	Mrs Nicholls	Sx Community Foundation
Vicky Vaughan	The Brand Surgery	David Sheard	The Business Engineers
John Whyte	Whyte Financial	Suzy Bastible	Worthing Borough Council
Hazel Thorpe	Worthing Borough Council	Ian Lowrie	Worthing Borough Council
Robin King	Worthing Homes	Guest	Worthing Homes
Frank Howard	Worthing Pavilion Bowls		

Apologies were received from the following:

Chris Chatfield	Compass Travel	Peter Moreton	Inter-Link Services
Mark Landon	PEP the Printers	Robert Fisher	Vision 2020
Paul Campbell	Campbells Auctions	Darren Winter	WDEM
Janice Fraser	Worthing Borough Council	Martin Hobbs	Margin Services
Louise Bruce	Melrose Care	Kate Honey	Print Mint Design

1. Apologies

Peter Bennett noted that there were a number of apologies and that they should be recorded.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the 70th Annual General Meeting held on 23rd April 2008, which had been circulated to all attendees, were approved.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman read from his report, copies of which had been supplied to all present.

5. Treasurer's Report

Ian Vickers highlighted the main changes to Income and Expenditure.

Ian reported a favourable surplus of £6,000 this year, an indication of how much growth had been achieved.

Chamber events – these were well attended and supported covered costs and showed a surplus towards administrative costs.

Membership – The membership subscription income has increased even though rates/prices remain stable.

The Chamber has also paid off all outstanding loans and mortgages on the freehold property it owns.

The rental income from the property in Richmond Road provides a useful regular contribution towards the costs of the Chamber.

6. Election of Officers

Dorothy Peters took the chair at this point to enable the nominations for the Presidency to take place. She thanked Peter Bennett for leading the Chamber with confidence, charm, and professionalism along with a sense of humour. She proposed Peter be re-elected, Mike Cottee seconded this.

Karen Simporis was re-elected as Vice President.

Peter asked if the members of the committee, all of whom had been nominated and seconded, would be willing to serve in the forthcoming year, along with 3 new committee members: Sam Hallet of Balloon Wrap and Decoration, Andy Headworth of Sirona Consulting and Chris Coopey of Carpenter Box. A show of hands agreed and all were duly elected for a further year.

7. Resolution to Change Name

Peter requested approval for the name to be changed from Worthing Chamber of Commerce to Worthing and Adur Chamber of Commerce. This was recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by a show of hands.

8. Introduction of new Strategy

Peter introduced the new strategy of the Chamber followed by an introduction of the group leads as follows:

Karen Simporis – Web Group
Mark Matthews – Membership Group
Mark Landon – Events Group
Mike Cottee – Newsletter Group
Andy Headworth – Marketing Group
Alastair Vickers – Finance Group

9. Any Other Business

Peter thanked Tina Tilley for the key role she has played in moving the chamber forwards during the last 12 months.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm