

The Worthing Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ltd
85th Annual General Meeting
held at Rooms, Worthing on Wednesday 17th May 2023

Present:

Alastair Vickers	ANV	Lauren Martin-Grievesson	Worthing & Adur Chamber
Andrew Swayne	Ricardo	Laurence Fry	Mindworks Escape Rooms Ltd
Bob Hoad	More Radio	Lisa Kerr	Consulting with Kerr
Bryan Clarke	Transworld Business Advisors	Louise Grant	Louise Grant
Chay Took	Kreston Reeves	Lyuda Hedger	A&T Business Associates
Claire Ellis	JJ+H Accounting Services	Mark Bullen	GB Electronics (UK) Ltd
Debbie Ross	Chichester College	Marnie Williams	Flux Piercing Ltd
Diane Bandar	Arrow Mortgage Solutions	Martin Smith	Martin Smith Learning and Development
Dr Adam Jones	Help to Grow -University of Brighton	Michael Carr	2tela
Emma Waterer	Expert Virtual Assistant Services Ltd	Mikki Harris	MOMENTUM Business Support Ltd
Finola Brady	Finola Brady Architectural Services	Parry Leggett	George Square Independent Financial
Heidi Jones	Worthing & Adur Chamber	Adviser	
Helen Vane	GoGecko	Patt Fallon	Bald designs ltd
Ian Hitt	Agile Human	Paula Newton	Bright Eye Business Consulting Services
Ingrid Sbondk-Sonderfeld	Sports Massage Therapist	Peter Webb	Electronic Temperature Instruments
Jacqui Moorhouse	Facilitator and Trainer	Peyman Bandar	Arrow Mortgage Solutions
Jane Hames	Glide Training	Phil Bristow	Nsure
Janet de Buriatte	Jan-IT	Phil Duckett	Worthing Gin
Jo Moeller	Worthing Library Service	Rachael Dines	Shake It Up Creative
Jonathan Nulty	Vice Puddings Ltd	Rebecca Cooper	Worthing Borough Council
Julie Oakley	WSCC Library Service	Robin Evans	Carpenter Box
Justin Howard	Blue Billboard Ltd	Rosie Neville	Worthing Library Service
Kate Honey	Mint Design Studio	Samantha Pewsey	Pewsey Consulting
Kayla Shepherd	Safety Mode Ltd	Sandra Crathern	Health Coach - Innavigation
Keith Gallis	Seagull Travel	Sheryl Tipton	Tipton Marketing
Kelly Davies	Worthing Town Centre Initiative	Simon Pilbeam	Pilbeam Construction Services Ltd
Kelly O'Haire	Seaside Creative Ltd	Theresa Cooper	CooperativeHR Ltd
Kevin Howard	Henry Gresham Toastmaster	Tony Hedger	A & T Business Associates Limited

1. Apologies:

Andrew Dalglish	Ayres Bright Vickers	Mark Boorsma	Grommets
Beki Tonks	The Sand Project	Paul Stanford	Stanford Legal Services
Caroline Wood	Coastal West Sussex	Paul Rolfe	Chichester College
Cat Vizor	ESTEEM	Phil Duckett	Worthing Gin
Clive Bonny	Strategic Management Partners	Portia Gibson	Post-Op Nurse
Grant Baker	Innovate Edge UK	Sally Neil-Smith	Heaton House
Helena Thomas	Northbrook College	Sarah Wood	Stanford Legal Services
Katie Shephard	The Sand Project	Victoria Rumens	Valley House Interiors

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the 84th Annual General Meeting held on 18th May 2022, which had been circulated to all attendees, were approved. There were no matters arising.

Minutes approved

Proposed by: Kelly O'Haire

Seconded by: Debbie Ross

3. President's Report

I cannot believe that I took over the role of president 12 months ago. The time has just flown by. It has been an interesting time and thankfully my nervousness at public speaking has reduced. I knew what fun the role would be when I took it on, together with the additional time responsibilities needed when you are the President. The reality has been more fun and time consuming yet deeply satisfying.

Hosting the networking events has been interesting and I do now remember to mention my own business, unlike at my first event.

Luckily, I haven't broken a cup whilst trying to get the room into order. I indeed shocked Tracie at one breakfast event when I needed to almost shout to get the room in order. Somehow she managed not to spill her tea!!

We have carried out 68 events since the last AGM with 1946 attendees, which is amazing and I have been at most of these

I would like to thank the team and also fellow Executive Members and Ambassadors.

The Chamber does not run without the team or our members. However, we have some other key stakeholders that really add particular importance to the Chamber and to them. I'd like to thank the Council, AWBP, Coastal West Sussex and the TCI / BID for their support. We look forward to working together, as this collaboration and knowledge bring a significant contribution.

We have a few changes to the Executive Board with a couple of time-honoured members standing down and new members nominated to join the executive.

I would like to thank both Peter Webb and Jon Nulty for their hard work and support over the last few years. Peter has been on the Executive Board from 2014 and has been a Vice President since 2019. Jonathan has been on the Executive Board since 2015.

This year, we have two proposals for new members to join the Executive Committee. We will be ratifying these proposals shortly. Duncan Anderson from South Downs Leisure will bring useful information for our members on sustainability which is a crucially important issue and something that we all need to understand no matter what size of business we run and Claire Ellis will bring her passion and networking skills to aid our Peer Mentoring programme and training events.

As we head into the next 12 months, I am confident that the Chamber will continue to grow and add so much value to both our members and non-members. We can only do that with the support of our members and by understanding what they need for us to help them gain the best from their Chamber.

We are always here at your support with any of your requests. Also, if you have a friend or client who is local and not a member, point out the benefits of being a Member. Our aim is to help as many local businesses as we can.

Finally, the Chamber would not be the Chamber without the elite team that we have and I would like to ask you all to give them a round of applause for the fantastic job they do.

4. Treasurer's Report

Accounts were made available for everyone to view.

Membership subscriptions have increased this year by almost a third. The Better Business Show and Peer Mentoring both saw an increase in income. Overall income reduced compared to last year due to no government or Covid-19 funding. The Chamber continues to be in a strong financial position.

No questions on the accounts were received.

Pass a resolution to approve the accounts

Proposed by: Chay Took

Seconded by: Sheryl Tipton

The accounts were accepted en masse.

Thanks were given to Andrew and Emma from Ayres Bright Vickers

To pass a resolution to appoint Ayres Bright Vickers Accountants as Companies Accountants and Auditors

Proposed by: Kate Honey

Seconded by: Lisa Kerr

The proposal was accepted en masse.

5. Election of Officers

To consider and pass resolutions for the election of Executive Members duly nominated and seconded.

Executive Members re-standing for Election after their 3 year term:

Debbie Ross

Keith Gallis

Executive Members within their 3 year term

Tony Hedger, Alastair Vickers, Theresa Cooper, Chay Took, Kate Hallin, Sheryl Tipton, Simon Pilbeam, Louise Grant

2 new nominations to the Executive Committee:

Duncan Anderson

Claire Ellis

Proposed by: Kate Honey

Seconded by: Ian Hitt

The proposal was accepted en masse.

Elected Executive Committee:

Tony Hedger

Alastair Vickers

Chay Took

Theresa Cooper

Debbie Ross Simon Pilbeam Kate Hallin Sheryl Tipton
Keith Gallis Louise Grant Duncan Anderson Claire Ellis

Thanks given Peter Webb and Jonathan Nulty who have stood down after serving on the Executive Committee.

6. To consider any other resolutions proposed (nominated and seconded)

Resolutions must be sent to the company at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM.

None received

9. Any Other Business

Meeting closed at 6:45pm