



Meeting date	Monday 17 May 2021
Venue	English Heritage Visitor Centre
Chamber members and representative attendees	Uta Acuna – President, Tracy Dixon – Treasurer, Kay and Alan Hunting – Honorary Members, Cllr Glenna Favell – Battle Town Council, Cllr Vikki Cook RDC/BTC, Natasha Williams – English Heritage, Paul Stripp – Paul Stripp Estate Agent
Apologies	Helen Baker, Veronica Spoors, Lizzy Hurst – The Honest Hub, Colin Smith – Honorary Member; Sarah Truman – Sarah’s Cellar

Minutes of the meeting following the AGM in March 2021 meeting were agreed by the meeting and signed off by the President.

Matters arising, there were no matters arising

Treasurer’s report

Tracy reported that the accounts for 2019/2020 had gone to Holland Harper for audit. 21 businesses had paid by standing order, however other businesses are due to be invoiced, having always paid on invoice prompt.

General account	£2,733.00
Marketing account	£9,437.71 (£888.00 cheque for website build final)
Mediaeval Fayre account	£2,851.00
Christmas account	£4,005.47

Membership report

UA welcomed Paul Stripp to his first meeting and confirmed to those present that joining Battle Chamber will now be possible via the website; www.battleeastsussex.co.uk via a vetting process.

Event Committee reports

- **Marbles**, Kay would be in favour of running an event on the bank holiday Sunday provided there are enough volunteers available, this is however not to replace the usual matches and competitions but to run a fun practice session. This is the text to go into the event brochure (Jun to Dec)

WE LOST OUR MARBLES DURING LOCKDOWN! So, we are planning Mini Marbles on Bank Holiday Monday before we come back properly next Easter with the traditional Marbles Matches, Easter Bonnet Parade and the Marbles Scramble. No formal matches this time, just Mini Marbles Madness on the Abbey Green! More fun in fancy dress! Details to be published on the website battleeastsussex.co.uk and the Battle Marbles Facebook page at the beginning of August.



- **Mediaeval Fayre**, the planned three-day event is likely to seek some financial backing from the Marketing Committee, perhaps in the form of stall sponsorship for local groups, provided they then do not profiteer from the arrangement
- **Christmas**, no report at present
- **Marketing**, UA reported that the website is up and running except the payment system to allow new members joining and purchasing packages (info to follow). It is intended to run a meeting at the end of June to agree further content and future publications from the Marketing Committee to fulfil the Service Level Agreement with Rother and Hastings. UA has received the purchase order for the 2021 grants and invoiced accordingly. The event brochure for the second half of the calendar year should see 25,000 copies produced at a cost of just over £2,000 including design, print and distribution.

Town Council report

Glenna confirmed that she is staying on as Chair person of the Council and Cllr Vikki Cook is the Deputy Chair.

All staff have now moved to their temporary home at the old Courthouse, the Almonry project is expected to be completed within 20 weeks.

Also, the representative Councillor on the Battle Marketing Group is Chris Hartley.

There was no Any other Business and the meeting closed at 18:45