



Minutes of meeting held via Zoom on Monday 15 Feb 2021

Apologies were received from Lizzy from The Honest Hub and Michael Dawes

Present at the meeting were Glenna Favell, Sarah Truman, Natasha Williams, Tracy Dixon, Kay Hunting, Tamzin Grey, Debbie Grant, Helen Baker and Uta Acuna

Minutes from July meeting introduced the I'm backing Battle campaign, at the time we sported Battle is open for Business banners, later followed with Battle is open for Christmas and a Christmas leaflet.

Matters arising; grant information from Rother has been re-sent again earlier on 15 Jan as Kevin Dixon reported that some businesses had not taken up their grants. Vanessa of White Sails reported after the meeting that the process is difficult and frustrating, Robin Vennard, Chief Finance Officer at Rother has sent further information and processing is pending.

Treasurer's report

Tracy reported that she had received details for internet banking last week and was hoping to be able to be set up within ten days. Action point for TAD and UA to go through statements from April 2020 ahead of the AGM to ascertain who had paid their subscription and how to charge for the 2021/22 year. New members will be able to join through the website, pay on-line and then receive a reminder prior to the AGM the following year. The current account is due to receive a payment of £888.00 from the Marketing account to cover a website payment, Tamzin reported minor expenditure for Christmas and a full report will be prepared for the AGM.

Membership report

We formally accepted two new members today; Lizzy Hurst from The Honest Hub and Sarah Truman from Sarah's Cellar; both proposed by Helen Baker and seconded by Uta Acuna.

Event Committee reports

Marbles – cancelled for Easter 2021 however, Kay has booked the Abbey Green provisionally for the August bank holiday to hold an extra-ordinary Marbles event. Kay mentioned that the cups for Marbles are being refurbished at a cost of around £200 to £250, one of the three cups (David Cusack) is a valuable trophy.

Mediaeval Fayre – The 30th Anniversary Fayre is now planned for the Jubilee weekend in early June 2022 and promises to be an extravagancy. Tamzin has asked the Marketing Committee to help with funding for Entertainment. The Committee also requires two new Gazebos as games stalls, UA suggested to make that a trial fundraiser on the Battle website when it goes live.

Christmas – The Committee organised for Santa to visit Battle neighbourhoods before Christmas which received much praise from young and old and may have given the team ideas on alternatives and additions for future festivities.

Town Council report

Glenna reminded members of the Covid-19 grants of up to £500 available through BTC, such as needing to buy easy to clean toys for Nurseries or similar adjustments needed for businesses to be more Covid-19 safe.

Any other business

- **Update from Covid-19 Recovery Group meeting 10 Feb 21**
 - Vaccination targets for mid-Feb are being met, reducing the mortality and serious illness risk by over 75% by early March. This rate is due to rise to 96% by May with continued vaccination success
 - A further vaccination hub is due to open in Rye to accommodate the volume of second jabs
- **I'm backing Battle**, UA has quotations for a double-sided banner to go across the High Street and shopping bags, both showing the town logo and wording but has been unable to obtain confirmation of the Rother grant from the Regeneration officer. Glenna suggested to send the invoices straight to Rother to avoid processing delays.
- Helen Baker reported from the WhatsApp business group that businesses feel they need support with reminders for furlough processing, both for employees and for self-employed people and advice on grants.
- UA mentioned meeting planned with Matt Southam from mjs media on Wed 17 Feb regarding new Battle website, the aim is to share the site developed so far with members of the Marketing Committee for feedback and go live following AGM

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