

CHEPSTOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of AGM

Thursday 1st September 2011, at The Beaufort Hotel 6.00pm

Present

Melanie Phillips	President	Gemma Monday
Sian Jones	Vice President	David Eisenhofer
Alison Ferriman	Treasurer	Michelle Dalley
Andrew Griffith	Executive member	Alyson Hunt
Griff Rogers	Executive member	Judy Griffith
David Burton	Executive member	Roger Hopson
Cllr Paul Rutter		Paul Evans
Richard Cobourne		

1. **Apologies.** Cllr Jacqui Sullivan, Steve Sullivan, Dee Griffith, Ben Pugh, Peter & June Traynor, Brian Colley-Priest
2. **Minutes of last AGM.** Approved by Paul Rutter seconded by Andrew Griffith
3. **Matters arising.** None
4. **President's report.** Melanie that this had been her first year as President and thanked everyone for their support.

The Chamber had been active in two major campaigns, holding two public meetings at the beginning of the year. The campaign to save the Tourist Information Centres had been successful; however the campaign for 2 hours free parking in Chepstow was still on-going. MCC had asked for more investigation and reports and the Chamber was still awaiting the outcome of these. Chepstow, Monmouth and Abergavenny Chambers were now, together, having regular meetings with Kellie Beirne, Chief Officer Regeneration and Culture at Monmouthshire County Council, the next one being on 8th September when Melanie hoped to learn on the outcome of the reports.

The Chamber had been involved with two "Back to Business Exhibitions". The first was at Chepstow Racecourse organised by MCC and the second in Cardiff organised by South Wales Chamber of Commerce. Both had been successful in their own way, and a useful networking tool; however, Melanie queried the cost effectiveness of these in manpower hours. She would welcome feedback from members as to whether either of these events had benefited their businesses.

Membership had increased over the last year, but in order to grow and have more influence the Chamber needed more members and she urged members to encourage other businesses to join. Melanie informed the meeting that, due to work relocation, Alison Ferriman would be unable to continue as treasurer to the Chamber. Alison would be missed by businesses in Chepstow and on behalf of the Chamber thanked her for all her support and contribution to the Chamber over many years. Melanie also thanked Jacqui Sullivan, who because of work commitments, has had to resign from the Executive. Her contributions to the Chamber will be greatly missed.

5. **Treasurer's report.** Alison told the meeting that she was sad to be standing down as treasurer and had enjoyed her role in the Chamber. A copy of the Income and expenditure account for the year was distributed. She reported that membership had increased this year and congratulated those involved in recruiting new members. As a result of this the Chamber this year had made a small profit of £25. (See appendix 1). She hoped that the Chamber would continue to thrive and grow.
6. **Election of Officers.** The following people were elected officers to the Chamber.

President -	Melanie Phillips
Vice President -	Sian Jones
Treasurer -	David Burton
Executive Officers -	Griff Rogers
	Andrew Griffith
	Brian Colley-Priest
	Alyson Hunt
	Katie Burton

Meeting Closed 18.30

**TREASURERS REPORT- YEAR END APRIL 2011
CHEPSTOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM**

INCOME TOTAL- £1905

INCOME BREAKDOWN FOR 2010/2011

MEMBERSHIP - £1904

INTEREST RECEIVED - £1

PREVIOUS YEARS INCOME -£1246

INCOME IMPROVED BY £659

EXPENSES TOTAL £1880

IMPROVEMENT OF £497 FOR THE YEAR

OVERALL PROFIT - £25