

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 at 5.45pm in Quay House, Kingsbridge



### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Present:	James Spencer Scot Baston Kim Willis Jane Tyler Catherine Gillen Alison Theaker Sarah Burnett Cllr Mark Goodey Nicola Coulson	Chair Vice-Chair, Kingsbridge   Cornerstone Photography Marketing Manager The Winking Prawn Group   Salcombe Information Centre The Brownston Gallery Live Life for me Salcombe Information Centre   KCC Salcombe Town Council, Mayor Secretary
Apologies:	John Gardner Georgie Leonard Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Philip Cole Dawn Blundell	Treasurer Bochinelli Devon County Council Kingsbridge Town Council, Mayor Kingsbridge Information Centre

### 2. Minutes & Actions

Minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 approved.

#### Actions outstanding from June meeting:

Action #0: Discussion about Julia Wingate traders' collaboration - AT is a coach and has volunteered to liaise with Julia. NC to pass on her email. NC/AT

A general discussion ensued around budget for an event, and it was agreed that the event would have to cover its costs. It was also hoped that it might encourage traders to join the Chamber.

Action #1: To review efficacy of large map at the bottom of Fore Street, Kingsbridge, originally funded by the Chamber. JS/NC

KW suggested a graphic designer to update. JS to take a photo; NC to distribute to committee for further discussion

NC to ask Cllr Long whether SHDC has any funding available for town centres.

Action #2: Once Harbour Board is reconstituted, ML to approach for increased engagement ML

Action #3: To invite Simon Gotch, Simon Gotch, Founder/Director, Malborough and Salcombe Business Park, to brief committee JS/NC

Action #4: NC to contact Secretary of Modbury Parish Council to invite a representative NC

#### Actions outstanding from May meeting:

Action #1: To look for opportunities to host an Autumn 2023 event in Modbury. SB/CG/NC

SB to liaise with the White Hart Hotel, Modbury re hosting dinner. CG offered use of Brownston Gallery for pre-dinner drinks and business element. Max budget £25 per head. Back-up plan to approach Calancombe if White Hart unavailable.

Action #2: Modbury roadworks letter - JS to sign off JS

### 3. Council reports

District & County: South Hams District Council and Devon County Council

No representation

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- Town: Salcombe, Kingsbridge and Modbury

**Kingsbridge Town Council (KTC)**

- *No representation*

**Salcombe Town Council (STC) - MG**

- Seasonal Park and Ride Bus Service is running again, until the beginning of September.
- MG reported that STC are prioritising parking. MG met SHDC CE and Exec re parking and they are prepared to work with the new STC.
- A discussion ensued about DCC's proposed on-street parking charges in Salcombe. The perception is that DCC are targeting the affluent towns like Salcombe, Honiton and Tavistock (amongst others). DCC are proposing parking meters, the income from which will cover the cost of enforcement and be ringfenced to help public transport "somewhere in the DCC ward". Concerns were raised that the money should be reinvested in the local area.

Concerns were raised, including:

- The intention is to increase traffic turnover - is this a positive? Will it lead to more traffic and more pollution?
- The impact on businesses in the town, e.g., lack of affordable parking for workers and business owners.
- The impact on residential issues: Meters will push parking up the hill to Beadon and Sandhills Road.
- The introduction of meters could be perceived as an isolated innovation, rather than an holistic solution for Salcombe's parking issues.
- Moving forward, does Chamber lobby DCC? JS reminded committee about proposal to have parking meters on Kingsbridge Fore Street about 8 years ago - the Chambers' intervention appeared to stop the plan.
- JS asked if there is an opportunity for a few organisations/bodies to get together to solve this issue?
- KW pointed out that meters might be more acceptable if the Park and Ride ran all year.
- Tavistock businesses have launched a Stop the Meters! campaign to persuade DCC to shelve their proposal to start imposing parking fees for on-street parking locally.

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Action #1:	To email Chris Rook (DCC's Traffic Management Team) and Cllr Gilbert, sharing our urgent concerns about the proposal and ask for more details, eg business case?	JG/JS
Action #2:	KW to contact Tavistock about their Stop the Meters! campaign	KW
Action #3:	To further explore setting up a lobbying group of key stakeholders to improve worker/business access to Salcombe. To include residents, second homeowners, businesses, service providers such as Tally Ho!	All
Action #4:	MG mentioned SHDC's Community Economic Plan Projects(?): Sarah to investigate Laura Eames and invite to committee's September meeting to share the vision.	SB

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**4. Organisation, Visioning session, results: Once Voice (copy overleaf)**

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Outputs outstanding (i) mission (ii) geographic range (iii) goals arising

(i) Mission - Agree

- JS confirmed that Missions 1,2 & 3 all had 4 votes.
- From the visioning meeting, it was established that there is an appetite to do business as a South Hams Chamber.
- A discussion ensued about our geographical reach. Operating as the South Hams Chamber would cover the outlying areas Chillington, Stokenham, but also allow members to join from Dartmouth and Totnes for example. Indeed, Anthony Mangnall has approached JS about developing a Dartmouth chamber.
- That said, with added members, Chamber would need more paid officers.
- JS asked committee whether we want to continue the conversation or draw a close?

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- It was agreed that we adopt the following mission statement:  
 “To make doing business from the South Hams a great experience year-round for our members.”
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## 5. Strategic Theme at next event

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We briefly touched on a positive AGM feature in The Gazette Press. JS thanked KW and SB for our first ever full page!

NC expressed concern that we have an outstanding invoice from Total Event Hire.

Looking ahead, the September Business Club needs a theme.

Committee agreed that we take inspiration from the new mission statement and relate it to the event to host a celebration of the South Hams? The theme could be “Why is South Hams a great place to do business?”

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Action #5:	NC & JS to speak to Alex Thompson from Bartons about AGM billing.	NC/JS
	JS to meet with two businesses putting themselves forward for committee - Alex Robertson of IT Workhouse and Trudi Hodges of Luscombe Maye.	JS

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Action #6:	To publish Save The Dates for September and November Business Clubs	KW/NC
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## 6. Members’ Forum

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*To be carried over to next meeting*

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## 7. Treasurer’s Report

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### 1. Account Balances

Current Account balance	£3,396.98	
(Modbury funds)	(£4,970.13)	
(Kingsbridge Traders)	(£4,058.00)	
Current Account Net Total	£4,368.85	
Deposit Account	£3,185.69	
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>£7,554.54</b>	(May balance = £7,332.79)

2. Monthly Income/Expenditure Statement - as previously circulated.

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## 8. Upcoming Donations

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Donations look-ahead in accordance with the 2023 Draft Budget:

Date	Beneficiary	Amount	Notes
Feb	Kingsbridge TIC Jobs Board	£840	Paid £700 + VAT
Mar/Apr	Kingsbridge in Bloom	£500	Paid 12/3
	Kingsbridge Classic Rallies	£200	Paid 17/3
	Salcombe Dinghy Sailing Wind Project	£300	Paid 17/3
Sep	Salcombe Live Music	£300	
Oct/Nov	Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas	£300	
Oct/Nov	Salcombe Christmas Lights	£200	
	As required	£300	

### Notes

Financial documents are now saved in the Green Room site.

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## 9. AOB

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- SB put himself forward as Vice Chair for Kingsbridge. Forwarded by CG, seconded by AT.  
 Motion carried. JS thanked SB and warmly welcomed him to his new role.
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Action #7:	NC to pull together a generic role spec for committee members	NC
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Action #8:	CG to follow up with Trudi Hodges	CG
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**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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