

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5.45pm in Quay House, Kingsbridge



### 1. Welcome & Apologies

Present:	James Spencer	Chair
	Scot Baston	Vice-Chair, Kingsbridge   Cornerstone Photography
	Nicola Coulson	Secretary
	John Gardner	Treasurer
	Catherine Gillen	Committee Member, The Brownston Gallery
	Sarah Burnett	Associate Committee Member, KCC   Salcombe Info Centre
	Cllr Philip Cole	Associate Committee Member, Kingsbr. Town Council, Mayor
	Cllr Mark Goodey	Associate Committee Member, Salc. Town Council, Mayor
	Cllr Sam Dennis	Associate Committee Member, SHDC
	Cllr Barbara Price	Associate Committee Member, Modbury Parish Council
Apologies:	Alison Theaker	Committee Member, Live Life for me
	Georgie Leonard	Committee Member, Bochinelli
	Jane Tyler	Committee Member, The Winking Prawn Group
	Alex Robertson	Committee Member, IT Workhouse
	Kim Willis	Committee Member, Marketing Manager
	Cllr Mark Long	Associate Committee Member, SHDC (esp. Planning) & Salcombe Harbour Committee
	Cllr Rufus Gilbert	Associate Committee Member, Devon County Council
	Dawn Blundell	Associate Committee Member, Kingsbridge Info Centre

JS welcomed Cllr Samantha Dennis (SHDC, Salcombe & Thurlestone ward [esp Scrutiny]) and Cllr Barbara Price (Modbury Parish Council) a new Associate Committee Member.

### 2. Minutes & Actions

Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 approved.

#### 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.  
*Actioned - Brownston Gallery and White Hart Hotel confirmed*

#### 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

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 - *Carried over/ongoing*  
NC to ask Cllr Long if SHDC has any funding available for town centres  
*Actioned - awaiting response*

Action #2: Once Harbour Board is reconstituted, ML to approach for increased engagement - *Carried over/ongoing* ML

Action #3: To invite Simon Gotch, Founder/Director, Malborough and Salcombe Business Park, to brief committee on hi plan - *Complete* JS/NC

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

### Actions outstanding from August meeting:

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, for introducing on street parking charges to?	JG/JS
Action #2:	KW to contact Tavistock about their Stop the Meters! Campaign <i>Salcombe Town Council invited Chamber Chair to join new council-led project group to explore the charges and lobby if required</i>	KW
Action #3:	To further explore setting up a lobbying group of key stakeholders to improve worker/business transport, Plymouth to Salcombe.	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. <i>Carried over/ongoing</i>	SB
Action #5:	NC & JS to speak to Alex Thompson, Bartons, about AGM billing. <i>Completed 30/09</i>	NC/JS
Action #6:	JS to meet with two businesses putting themselves forward for committee - Alex Robertson of IT Workhouse and Trudi Hodges of Luscombe Maye. <i>Complete</i>	JS
Action #7:	To publish Save The Dates for September and November Business Clubs	KW/NC
Action #8:	NC to pull together a generic role spec for committee members - <i>Ongoing</i>	NC
Action #9:	Modbury roadworks letter - <i>JS to update. NC to circulate.</i>	NC

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### 3. Treasurer's Report

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Report dated 31 July 2023

#### Financial Statements

##### 1. Account Balances

Current Account balance	£13,982.74	
(Modbury funds)	(£4,990.13)	
(Kingsbridge Traders)	(£4,058.00)	
Current Account Net Total	£4,934.61	
Deposit Account	£3,185.69	
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>£8,120.30</b>	(June balance = £7,554.54)

Monthly Income/Expenditure Statement - as previously circulated.

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#### Upcoming Donations

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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### 4. Marketing Report

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*KW sent apologies - Carried over*

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## 5. Guest Speaker - Simon Gotch, Founder Director, Malborough and Salcombe Business Park

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JS welcomed **Simon Gotch**, who briefed committee about his proposed Business Park and starter flats at Alston Gate, on the former nursery site.

Having struggled for 18 months to find a unit to rent or buy within ten miles of his Salcombe home, he realised how frustrating it must be for local small business people who want work in this area, to launch new companies, expand existing operations or have somewhere to work or host meetings away from home. When the Malborough site became available, he saw an opportunity to create a small, high quality, affordable, self-contained employment and residential development, with excellent environmental and ecological credentials, on this brownfield site on the outskirts of Malborough. With SHDC's approval, the development would comprise of a small business park of nine units of different sizes, plus four starter flats which would only be available to permanent residents for long term occupation.

The overall intention is to achieve this whilst being sympathetic to the beautiful area that we live in, hopefully creating something that the community will support.

On behalf of committee, JS expressed support for the project and asked how the Chamber could support the proposal.

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## 6. Council reports

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

#### SHDC - SD

SD reported that she was involved in training for her relatively new role as councillor, and confirmed she sits on the following SHDC committees:

- Audit and Governance Committee
- Council
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Salcombe Harbour Board

#### Devon County Council

*Apologies from Cllr Gilbert*

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### - Town: Salcombe, Kingsbridge and Modbury

#### Modbury Parish Council (MPC) - BP

- Barbara Price attended on behalf of Modbury Parish Council. Committee welcomed Cllr Price and were pleased that MPC now has representation on committee.

#### Kingsbridge Town Council (KTC)

- Kingsbridge police station's front desk is reopening after being shut for almost a decade. The office, which is due to open before Christmas, will have opening hours of 10-3 from Mondays to Saturdays, and police staff are currently being recruited to take on behind-the-desk roles.
- Work on Kingsbridge Skatepark starts on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This free-to-use wheeled sports facility is designed to include skateboarding, scooters, BMX, Roller blading and adapted wheelchairs. In addition to Crowdfunding and £100k from Sport England, KTC has provided £50k of funding, with SHDC providing £30k.
- Lloyds Bank closes on 11<sup>th</sup> October, but the Post Office is closing for refurbishment at the end of September for 2 weeks, leaving people without alternative banking facilities.
- Bus link Tally Ho have withdrawn the Saturday service of the 162 bus route; various avenues are being explored to find a possible way to replace this.

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

- See above
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## 7. Business Club Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, Brownston Gallery & White Hart

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CG confirmed that Chris Simon of The White Hart Hotel, Modbury, has agreed to host dinner and has provided a suggested 3-course menu for £25 per head. CG has generously offered to host the first part of the evening, to include drinks, networking and a panel discussion themed around what makes the South Hams a great place to do business in. A discussion ensued about potential guest speakers for this event.

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**9. AOB**

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**- Honiton Chamber of Commerce**

NC reported that Chamber had been approached by Joseph Furneaux-Gotch, Chair of Honiton & District Chamber of Commerce, regarding the matter of Devon County Council wishing to put parking meters in the High Streets of 10 towns including Salcombe. Honiton Chamber wish to coordinate efforts and response and ensure local councils do the same.

NC confirmed that she had invited Mr F-G to join the meeting via Zoom but had not yet received a response.

**- Admin projects underway to prepare for our broader geographic reach**

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**Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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