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**Minutes of Executive Meeting held at Wellington Town Council Chambers, 28 Fore Street,  
Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8AQ on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010.**

**Present**

T.Sanford (Crosslink Academy and Chamber Chairman)  
S.White (Wellington Weekly News, Chamber Vice Chairman and Joint Chamber Social Secretary)  
D.Derrick (Chamber Secretary)  
A.Hunt (Quantum Enterprises)  
J.Thorne (M2S Media)  
J.Goss (Judith Goss Florists)  
D.Hawkins (Paul Fudge Funeral Directors)  
C.Wiggan (Sandwich Stop and Joint Chamber Social Secretary)  
B.Griffiths (Haberdashery Plus)  
J.Pragnell (Wellington Economic Partnership)  
M.Coate (Wellington Farmers Market)  
J.Burden (Taunton Chamber of Trade and Commerce)  
F.Morris (Retired)  
T.Evans (Cosmic Digital Mentors – Guest)

**Apologies for Absence**

D.King (King's Cycles and Chamber President)  
H.Thorne (Wellington Newsagents and Chamber Treasurer)  
H.Topuzoglu (Flavours Restaurant)  
M.Crew (MJC Financial Services)  
R.Webb (HT Perry and Sons)  
L.Tredwin (H.Tredwin Funeral Directors)

Cllr P.Critchard (Wellington Town Council)

Cllr J.Govier (Wellington Town Council)

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January were read, approved and signed off as being a true and accurate record by T.Sanford.

### **Matters Arising**

S.White had two points – H.Thorne and C.Wiggan were to serve on the Wellington Boot Throwing Event steering committee once more and a donation of £50 was to be sent to Wellington Town Council in respect of Christmas Lighting in the town in 2009, £100 had been requested, but this was halved due to the purchase of food that was consumed on the day of the lights switch-on.

D.Derrick to request a cheque to the value of £50 to be drawn down and made payable to Wellington Town Council.

T.Sanford reported on a day spent with Year Ten students at Court Fields Community School when he and S.White had acted as Chamber representatives at an Apprentice Day that contributed to that year's Business Studies group.

This project can tie in with the Wellington Boot Throwing Event.

J.Goss asked as to Chamber representation at the School and was informed that links were strong and would be strengthened as 2010 went on – representation at School Governor level was to be looked at.

T.Sanford reported that he was an advisor and mentor to the School currently.

Linking in with Wellington School was to be looked at too.

Talent spotting and talent retention were of particular importance where these links were concerned.

### **Cosmic Digital Mentors – Presentation**

T.Evans of Cosmic Digital Mentors gave an overview of the work his Company does and what its objectives are.

They style themselves as a 'Company with a conscience' through delivering IT and related techniques to businesses at a modest rate.

They are backed by a Government initiative and have room for some six dozen more on their books up to a maximum of 200.

Details were given to and fro and the outlook was promising for liaison to commence soon between individual Chamber members and Cosmic.

Members should contact Cosmic via e-mail at [timevans@cosmic.org.uk](mailto:timevans@cosmic.org.uk) to invest in their portfolio of IT services and support mechanisms.

### **Networking Event – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Flavours Restaurant**

Details were given of the work done to set this event up, what it was to achieve and what input was required so as to make it viable.

The strategy for the event was set and by the end of the meeting there were enough to make the event go ahead for definite.

### **TDBC Rates 2010-2011**

This matter was considered to be one with little room for manoeuvre as the figures for the new period were deemed to be set in stone.

J.Goss, J.Pragnell and B.Griffiths gave personal testimony as to how the system had not benefitted them at all.

J.Burden gave the Taunton Chamber's views and it coincided with that of Wellington's.

J.Thorne said that input does not equal output and all fees collected locally are then funnelled through to central government and then only a proportion comes back to the locality.

### **Financial Report**

In the absence of H.Thorne there was no report.

### **Wellington Town Council Report**

In the absence of any Town Councillors there was no report, but the latest Council report could be found at [www.wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.wellingtontowncouncil.co.uk)

### **Chamber Website**

The way forward for the Chamber website was discussed fully and A.Hunt would take on the job/role of Website Coordinator and would use his skills in Internet based matters to perform a complete overhaul of this.

A.Hunt to liaise with T.Sanford and D.Derrick.

### **Any Other Business**

S.White noted that two clear months were needed to book the services of the local Army Cadets and they were already on board for the Wellington Boot Throwing Event in September.

The Cadets were to have a jumble sale on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April and any items to donate would be received with thanks – contact [wellyrecep@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:wellyrecep@tindlenews.co.uk) with offers and for details.

T.Sanford noted that there was to be a tourist related event of significant proportions coming to the town later in the year and details would be released later.

D.Hawkins reviewed the pre-meeting discussions ref the Wellington Boot Throwing Event and asked more members to come forward and offer their time and abilities for 2010's event.

To this end M.Coate and A.Coate were added to the steering committee.

J.Pragnell gave details of the Food Town event – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in High Street between 10am and 3pm.

T.Sanford, S.White and D.Derrick to look at the best way to get representatives of all three local supermarkets to one Chamber meeting –use April or May's meetings for this.

M.Coate commented on the effect of large supermarkets on local specialised businesses and wished to see no more as such in the town for a number of years, the impact that Waitrose is having on town centre traffic was looked at and contact with the Highways Agency was in order it was felt.

A new member had joined the Chamber – KJ Coaching (Karen Janas).

### **Date and Venue of Next Meetings**

Networking Event – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Flavours Restaurant, High Street, Wellington from 6.30pm – 9.00pm

Executive Meeting – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Wellington Town Council Chambers, 28 Fore Street, Wellington, Somerset, TA21 8AQ from 6.00pm

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**T.Sanford – Chairman**