

Annual General Meeting - 2017

Meeting: Tuesday 5th December 2017

Location:

Agenda

- Welcome
 - Approval of 2017 minutes
 - Presidents Report
 - Treasurers Report
 - Election of Committee
 - President (standing: John Merison)
 - Vice President (standing: Rob McClumpha)
 - Treasurer (standing: Brian Beggan)
 - Secretary
 - 3 Committee Members (standing: Peter Bourne, James Turner)
 - Plans for forthcoming year and Members forum
 - Any other Business
 - Close
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Present

20 members were present at this years AGM with all being welcomed by James Turner on behalf of the North West Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce.

James thanked all members for being part of another successful year for the chamber along with their continued support, along with the committee for all their hard work and commitment to make it all happen.

Members enjoyed meetings with guest speakers whom covered opportunities for members to gain free training for all staff in various areas of their business, no matter how big or small, also grants and funding opportunities were also introduced to members via meetings on several occasions where funding of up to 40% was available to aid in the growth of businesses within the area.

The chamber lunch had over 40 attend with the new Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire District Council and local MP being 2 of the speakers to give us an insight into the ambitions and progression of the area both in personal and business terms.

All of this proves that actually being a member and participating in the meetings is worth far more than the membership fee itself.

Minutes

All members were presented with the minutes from 2016 as well as prior to the meeting with the invite and notification.

Members were given the opportunity to read and comment on these with any inaccuracies or general comments/feedback.

The minutes were deemed to be true and correct with this being proposed by Brian Beggan and seconded by Rob McClumpha

Presidents Report

John Merison also thanked members and the committee for their ongoing support throughout the year and highlighted that the chamber is getting better known and respected throughout the midlands. They chamber is working very well and provides up to date information on the website.

John is involved with a number of councils, better for business (which started in North West Leicestershire, but now nationwide), attends meetings with around 20 MP's in London which gives feedback to government around various issues to benefit the local area.

The chamber is also getting better connected with the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce where £300 million is being invested by the British Bank within the East Midlands.

(Phil Jarvis asked if members could attend the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce meetings – John replied that members are welcome at their events and should get the reduced member rate when booking on to events)

John highlighted that wreaths had been presented on behalf of the chamber at both Coalville and Ashby De La Zouch for the first time this year and hoped that this could be continued in the future.

The members were thanked again for their support and hoped that they could spread the word about the chamber to get more involved.

Treasurers' report

Brian Beggan presented the income and expenditure and balance sheet report to members and gave a brief overview of the highlighted sections.

He reported that more spending was carried out this year than previous ones on advertising with the aim to promote events and meetings with the aim to gain both more attendees to the events and also new members. This was felt to be quite successful as there were a number of first time attendees to several events with a handful of these also becoming chamber members for the first time. This would continue to be monitored to evaluate the success and value for money.

The final balance as at 30th September 2017 was £3,688.40

Election of Committee

The current committee were happy to stand for the same positions unless any members wished to put themselves forward for the roles. It was also mentioned that there are vacancies on the committee and if a member would like to be involved to put their name forward.

No members present wished to be on the committee and all existing committee members were elected by those present as a whole.

Plans for forthcoming year and Members forum

New Swannington School had been successful in their bid for funding for the Marks and Spencers grant for £10,000 and they would like to pass their thanks on to all members for their support during this competition.

No members raised any questions or wished to discuss anything at this point of the evening.

James Turners encouraged members to contact the committee if they would like to see anything in particular at meetings or visits during 2018.

All members were thanked for attending and their continued support.

The meeting was closed at 18:55pm