



STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS CHAMBER
MINUTES OF THE 4th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
14th November 2019

Members In attendance:

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| • Suzanne Davy | (SD) | Moorland Contract Group |
| • Jackie Walker | (JW) | Moorland Contract Janitorial |
| • Natalie Hewitt | (NH) | HCA |
| • Faye Williams | (FW) | Staffs Community Foundation |
| • Kath Fearn | (KF) | Buxton & Leek College |
| • Rachel Buxton | (RB) | Thompson Wright Chartered Accountants |
| • Jed Eatough | (JE) | LSGK Accountants Ltd |
| • Richard Dodd | (RD) | The Capture Factory |
| • Kate Taylor | (KT) | Ornua |
| • Mark Brammar | (MB) | Mark Brammar Associates |
| • Jon Eeles | (JE) | Leek Town FC |
| • Matt Fludgate | (MF) | Gatewood Finance |
| • Ian Hancock | (PR) | Browns Recycling |
| • David Brain | (DB) | Staffs Wildlife Trust |

Chamber Staff in attendance:

- Sara Williams (SW)
- Karena Pawlak (KP)
- Sandra Nixon (SN)
- Laura Hodgkiss (LH)

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The President of the Staffordshire Moorlands Board, Suzanne Davy, welcomed members to the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Staffordshire Moorlands Chamber of Commerce. She explained her role was to give a report of the Chamber's activities on behalf of the business community and what had been achieved during the past twelve months.



2 ANNUAL REPORT

The President of the Board delivered the Annual Report by digital presentation.

The minutes of the previous years' AGM, held on the 15th November 2018, were approved unanimously as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, proposed by Suzanne Davy and seconded by Natalie Hewitt.

SD provided an overview of the Moorlands Chamber in the context of the wider Staffordshire Chambers Group and its role and remit within the Staffordshire Moorlands District. The Moorlands Chamber exists to;

- Provide a wide range of practical business support services, events, training and knowledge to our members.
- Helps to create and safeguard jobs by supporting the development of a strong and prosperous economy.
- Campaigns on issues of importance to local businesses, championing business needs and the voice of the private sector.
- Promotes the area as a great place to live, work and grow a business.

SD discussed the rising Moorlands Chamber Membership, with a total of 108 members across the district and into Uttoxeter, the Staffordshire Moorlands continues to show growth and successful recruitment of businesses.

On the Chambers events programme for 2019 with key highlights from the calendar including;

- Wellbeing event in January
- Business Insights Klarius, Cheadle
- Speed Networking in April
- Non-members event in June at Great Grounds, Dilhorne
- Summer drinks at the Foxlowe
- Let's Do Business Expo at Uttoxeter Racecourse
- Leek Show (27th July)



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- Speed Networking at Westwood Golf Club
- Christmas drinks at Great Grounds, December

SD provided an overview of the Chambers business support programmes and their roll out into the Staffordshire Moorlands District including;

- Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Hub
- Let's Do Mentoring
- Chamber services
- Chamber training
- RGF Growth and Jobs Fund
- Michelin Development Loan, and;
- Export services provided by the Department for International Trade

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2020

The Moorlands chamber priorities for the coming year are;

- Make the Moorlands Chamber attractive to join through network opportunities to develop business connections locally.
- Provide events that are relevant to the needs of our members and their business needs.
- Listen to our members and so be the voice of the private sector – increasing our influence, profile and impact on issues that matter.
- Promote the Moorlands as a great place to do business and work with partners to improve all aspects of the social and economic environment.



3 ELECTIONS

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

SD stated that Natalie Hewitt was to become president following her year as deputy. This was proposed by Suzanne Davy and seconded by Jed Eatough and carried unanimously. Natalie Hewitt then took the chair.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

NH said that Sheila Kirk was resigning from the board and that Jackie Walker, Rachel Buxton and Kate Taylor were seeking election. This was proposed by Suzanne Davy and seconded by Mark Brammar

4 THANK YOUs

SD passed on personal thanks to Sara Williams (SW), Chief Executive Officer and her team in supporting businesses in the Staffordshire Moorlands. SD also thanked;

- Members of the Local Area Board for their continued dedication to steering the organisation,
- the Staffordshire Chambers Board and Council members

END OF FORMAL BUSINESS