



STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS CHAMBER
MINUTES OF THE 3rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
15th November 2018

Members In attendance:

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| • Suzanne Davy | (SD) | Moorland Contract Cleaning |
| • Tim Davy | (TD) | Moorland Contract Cleaning |
| • Natalie Hewitt | (NH) | HCA |
| • Jackie Walker | (JW) | GoGo Designs |
| • Kath Fearn | (KF) | Buxton & Leek College |
| • Peter Hamilton | (PH) | Tinsdills Solicitors |
| • Jed Eatough | (JE) | LSGK Accountants Ltd |
| • Richard Dodd | (RD) | The Capture Factory |
| • Debbie Barker | (DB) | Central Medical Supplies |
| • Mark Brammar | (MB) | Mark Brammar Associates |
| • David Felstead | (DF) | Railtrail Tours Ltd |
| • Matt Fludgate | (MF) | Gatewood Finance |
| • Patrick Redmond | (PR) | ctd architects |

Chamber Staff in attendance:

- Sara Williams (SW)
- Matthew Lowe (ML)
- Louis Coltman (LC)

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The President of the Staffordshire Moorlands Board, Suzanne Davy, welcomed members to the third 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 7th April 2017, were approved unanimously as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, proposed by Suzanne Davy and seconded by Mark Brammar.

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 93 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 2018 with key highlights from the calendar including;

- GDPR for Employers delivered by Karen Coleman from Excello Law
- Business Insights at British Boxers in Leek
- Breakfast event at the Quiet Woman (Lymestone Brewery)
- Meat & Eat at The Stafford Arms
- Working lunch with the Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP
- Let's Do Business Expo at Uttoxeter Racecourse
- Leek Show (28th July)
- Business Insights at DaisyBank House in Cheadle



On Policy and Representation, SD reported that the Moorlands Chamber has continued to meet with the Rt.Hon. Karen Bradley MP, local authorities and key influencers from across the district. Throughout the year the Chamber had worked with and lobbied the district council on a range of issues including, planning applications, the Local Plan for 2016-2031, transport infrastructure and economic regeneration.

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
- RGF Growth and Jobs Fund
- Michelin Development Loan, and;
- Export Documentation services provided by the Department for International Trade

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES FOR 2019

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 explained that Natalie Hewitt (NH) had been nominated for the office of Deputy President. NH was co-opted to the Board earlier in the year. This was proposed by Suzanne Davy that Natalie be approved to the role for the next 12 months. This was seconded by Mark Brammar and carried unanimously.



ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

SD said that one third of Board Members are required to retire each year and the Notice of the Meeting shows that two members are seeking re-election, these were Mark Brammar and Kath Ferns.

SD said one further nomination, Ian Hancock, had been received to join the Board and asked for a proposer and seconder for all candidates nominated. All candidates nominations were proposed by Jackie Walker (JW) and seconded by Natalie Hewitt (NH)

SD said that three members of the Moorlands Board had decided to retire from the Moorlands Board and not seek re-lection, these were;

- Anthony Bedson
- Peter Hamilton
- Patrick Redmond

SD passed on her thanks to these Board members who have given their time and efforts to the success of the Moorlands Chamber.

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