

# BEVENDEAN COMMUNITY PUB LIMITED AGM

Minutes

20th July 2014

## **1. Present**

Helen Jones, Lee Osbourne, Matt Blett, Ian Tatum, Andrew Large, Jenny Hawke, Fr John Wall, John Horsfield, Johnny Moran, Camilla Tinker, Adrian Morris, Jenny Moore, Loz Sikoto, Howard Swain, Catherine Senger, Hugh Robinson, Adrian Towler, David Hobson, Chrstine Robinson, Nancy Platts, Marton O'Hara, Matt Wilson, Ken Valder, Davy Jones, Deborah Brigdale, M.Cullen, Yola and David Wright, Paul and Barbara Loman, Warren Carter, Dave Boyle, Steve Bustin, John Williams

## **Apologies**

Michelle Guyatt, Gavin Meany, Rev Felicity Davies, Robert Brown, Geoff Earl, Susi Maxwell Stuart, Phil Mellows, Paul Norman, Philip Sambell, Liam Mandville, Cllr Leigh Farrow and Cllr Mo Marsh

Message from Simon Kirby MP read out to meeting

I am sorry not to be able to join you at your meeting today but other commitments prevent me from attending.

I wanted to send on to you my very best wishes for the work that has been done so far in relation to the Bevy Pub and the further plans that you have.

What has been achieved so far is real testament to the community spirit that exists around the pub and is a real credit to everyone involved. I genuinely believe the Bevy's best days are ahead of it.

I hope your meeting goes well and I look forward to keeping in touch.

(Should also be noted that Nancy Platts from the Labour Party and Davy Jones for the Green Party were in attendance).

## **2. Minutes from last years meeting agreed.**

## **3. Management committee**

Previous committee voted back on except for Gavin Meany. Vote of thanks to Gavin for all his hard work and hope that he will still stay involved.

Committee now

Warren Carter (Chair), Helen Jones (Secretary), Karina Moran (Vice Chair) Catherine Senger (Treasurer), Father John Wall, Michelle Guyatt, Lee Osborne, Jenny Hawke

John Horsfield, John Williams & Natasha Silsby

## **4. Accounts**

Catherine Senger presented the accounts which were agreed. These are attached

It was also agreed by members that under Rule 6.2 of the society's rules, the society would not require the next year's accounts to be audited and did not appoint an auditor, subject to the requirements of the Act.

## **5. Chairs report**

Warren Carter outlined the progress since our last AGM we have made massive progress in re-opening the Bevy.

"As you can see, the place has been transformed from a bomb-site to a fantastic multi-purpose space that's almost ready for business thanks to shareholders money, donations, fundraising and a £130,000 grant from the Social Investment Business. We were picked from 210 other organisations because what they could see we are trying to do is unique. The first co-op on a housing estate in the UK but so much more than a pub. We had 25 letters of support we submitted with the bid including from the local Brownies, Albion in the community, residents groups, NHS and the Repair Cafe showing all the different activities that will be happening to help make us a success.

We now have a bar generously donated by Jamie Hooper and put in for free by local builders. We have a license and thank you to shareholder Sarah Walsgrove for helping us with that.

We have also just been successful in winning an interest free 30k loan from SE Assist which is backed by Legal and General to support new businesses with a social agenda. We will also get 3 years of financial mentoring to help us.

We also should thank our landlords East Brighton Trust for supporting us along the way and offering us two years rent free why we get established.

But in a way, so many people have helped us, we'd be here all night if we mentioned them all. But i'd also like to thank are hard working committee for the endless meetings, the relentless decorating to save cash – i'm sure if you put all the Bevy meetings together they would go round the world twice.

So just when are we going to open the bloody thing?

Certain items came up when we started building work that cost us more than we budgeted for such as the largest vent system known to man. But we are near the finishing line.

In fact we are just rewriting our business plan, business forecasts, writing job specs and legal documents that are boring but essential to opening a successful business that will not only give people somewhere to meet, but also bring jobs, training and money into our estate.

We still want people to buy shares to help us raise the extra cash.

We also have a wish list of materials.

Shareholders will be get to special discount nights and an invite to monthly beer tasting evenings where they will get to choose some of the beers we sell. We will also be requiring on your input on how what happens

No doubt, our next AGM will be celebrated with beers & tea from our bar.

Thank you for coming along and please stay after the meeting for a drink, chat and a tour."

Helen Jones also made the point that no committee member has been paid a penny for all the work that has gone in. She explained that once pub is open the committee will support and manage the pub manager, who will be paid to manage day to day running of the building.

## **AOB**

We have regular workdays every Sunday at the pub. Please let us know if you can help. Even if you are not on the committee there is plenty for people to get involved in.

Question on shareholders. You do not have to be a shareholder to be served in the pub or cafe although being a shareholder will give you special incentives, such as shareholders evenings

or events. It was also agreed that the shares held by a man who is now deceased, can be passed onto his widow.

There was also a discussion on our company status and the benefit of becoming a charity or Charitable Interest Company.