



**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 27 AUGUST 2024**

PRESENT: Dave Peet Bruce Penson Steve Hall
 Cllr Dale Roberts Rebecca Charlesworth

APOLOGIES: Richard Field Beverley Kuchar Boris Rusen Zo Khan

ITEM	DETAIL	ACTION
1.	Apologies: The meeting was opened, and apologies noted.	
2.	Minutes of the July meeting & any matters arising: It was noted that Will Forster has agreed to attend the Visitors Networking event on 18 th October at Woking Football Club. RC to contact Sam Marshall at connecttowoking.co.uk to promote this event.	RC
3.	<p>Woking Borough Council report:</p> <p>Retail: Wolsey Place remains strong; Zizzi's are taking over Luciano's restaurant. The Works are moving into a larger unit and there is lots of interest in their current unit from local trade. All other vacant units are in discussion and WP should be fully occupied soon.</p> <p>Town Centre: 22/09 Woking Car Show, this year fully sponsored. A free event with 100 Classic, American and custom cars lining the pedestrianized areas of the town. Including Live music, car-themed films at the Nova Cinema. This event has proved very popular, driving footfall into the town, and is a fun day-out for families, celebrating the borough's motoring heritage.</p> <p>DP asked DR if there were hard copy posters that could be shared for offices.</p> <p>28/10-02/11 Spooky Fun Fair</p> <p>18/12-31/12 Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Market</p> <p>Place Branding: ongoing. The site is connecttowoking.co.uk, content includes: Business – linked to Business Surrey Woking Life – what it's like to live and work in Woking Arts, Culture, Leisure – link to our attractions and What's On (via Visit Surrey) Realising Potential – opportunities and learning within Woking News – outstanding achievements, industry awards, regional rankings etc. The next steps is to share this with shareholders and gather feedback.</p>	DR
4.	Treasurer's report: We have 70 current members, with £9,000 coming in from membership subscriptions and £16,500 income so far from the Woking Means Business Exhibition advanced sales.	
5.	Planning Property & Retail committee: deferred.	
6.	Business Development: deferred.	

7.	<p>Membership update: There are three new members: Hilton Hotel Woking Rotary Aurora Electrical The new members were voted in by the Executive. Rebecca will make contact and invite them to networking.</p>	RC
8.	<p>Upcoming events: The big event is the 125th Anniversary of Woking Chamber. This will be held at the new Hilton Hotel in their Sky Bar on Tuesday 12th November between 6-8pm. This will be a Members Only event, allowing 6 people from each company to attend. The cost will be £35 per head, including drinks and food, and you must register online. Hoping for 100-120 people to attend, and DP will invite past presidents to attend also (at their own cost). We will also arrange for photographs. Must publicise this event well.</p>	DP
9.	<p>Any other business: RC to invite Paul Webster to the next Executive for an update on WMB. BP is waiting on Mark Crosson for a date for the AI workshop. BP still waiting on a quote from Martin Horswood, has also contacted Chris Taylor.</p>	RC BP BP
10.	<p>Next meeting: This will take place on Tuesday 24th September, 6pm at DoubleTree by Hilton Woking.</p>	