



Spalding & District Area Members' Meeting Tuesday 5th March 2013, Broad Street Business Centre, Spalding

Meeting Notes

Members & Visitors (signed in)

David Norton, Vice-President (Springfields Horticultural Society); Julie Grant (Butters); Michelle Morley (Spalding Energy); Phil Pell (The Office Shop); Susan Penfold (House of Flowers); John Sinclair (REM Marketing); Sally Sneath (Silver Pencil); Simon Stone (Springfields Outlet Shopping); Paul Turnell (Roythornes); Mark Ulyett (LTSB); Helen Vau Vaitkvic (Lincs. Training); Hayley Willerton (Chilli Media).

1. President's Welcome

The Vice-President welcomed members, prospective new members and guests and passed on the President's apologies (on holiday).

2. Introductions & Apologies

- Other Guests & Visitors:
C. Redford – Spalding Guardian
- Apologies:
Apologies were also received from the following members: Gavin Allmand; Simon Beardsley; Philip Hall; Christine Hanson; Tom & Anthony Howling; Steve Mason; Jason Rooke; Robyn Sinclair; Sue Stuble; Robert West; Jan Whitbourn; Tony Wright.

3. Approval of the Notes of the Members' Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013

The Notes of the Member's Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January were approved. Susan Penfold asked for it to be noted that she was not at the meeting. Also, she asked if her membership contact details could be checked as she was not receiving email updates.

4. Matters Arising

There were no other Matters Arising.

5. President's Report

The Vice-President updated Members on the following:

- SHDC Economic Development Workshop – Chamber Council representatives had met with the SHDC Economic Development team to discuss opportunities and proposals for progressing improvements to Spalding town centre and the surrounding area. The Vice-President went through the presentation made by SHDC at the meeting and reported that the major points for progressing further were agreed as follows:
 - application for funding the appointment of a Town Centre manager to be submitted once terms of reference had been agreed on how bids for s106 monies had to be submitted.
 - Opportunities to improve rail passenger transport services to be progressed with Network Rail and train operators.
 - Chamber to progress meeting with Cllr. Gamba-Jones re improvements to the town market and Market Place itself.
 - Joint "Vision for Spalding" to be prepared by Chamber in conjunction with the Civic Society.
 - Links to improve visitor movements between Springfields and the town centre to be encouraged, including possible change of bus route.
 - Working group to be set-up to examine opportunities identified within the Waterspace Strategy report.

- Spalding Town CCTV – still linked to Shopwatch scheme but longer term funding still to be agreed by SHDC/Police.
- Flower Parade/Food Festival – Chamber progressing meetings with local stakeholders and other interested groups and individuals on possibility of organising a 2013 Food Festival and also a replacement event for the Flower Parade in 2014.

6. Forum Updates & Other Reports

- a) Town Centre Retailers Forum: No further news on the development plans for Holland Market.
- b) Tourism Forum: 2013 Spalding Visitor Guide now in print. Visit Spalding web site to be hosted on the Visit Lincolnshire site.
- c) Bus Stop Project: Discussions still on-going about the possible change of the Norfolk Green route from Springfields to the town centre via a new passenger stop in Double Street.
- d) 2013 Christmas Festival: Discussions on-going about the options for holding this year's Christmas Festival and Lights Switch-On. Proposals should be available for consideration at the next meeting in May.

7. Any Other Business

- a) 2013 Agenda Topics/Guest Speakers – Members were asked to email any suggestions for speakers or special topics they would like to be included at future meetings. For the AGM it was hoped that someone from Market Rasen would be able to attend to outline the town's progress with their Portas project.
- b) Speed Networking Update – noted that the next Speed Networking event was planned for 14th March 2013. Members were urged to book places to support the event and take the opportunity to meet other members and promote their own businesses.

The Vice-President then thanked everyone for attending and for their comments and contributions, and declared the meeting closed.

Future Meeting Dates:

- **Thursday 25th April:** Chamber Council Meeting with SHDC Portfolio Holders – Council Offices – 6.00pm
- **Tuesday 30th April:** Chamber Council Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 7th May:** Members' Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 28th May:** Chamber Council Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 25th June:** Chamber Council Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 2nd July:** Spalding Area Chamber **AGM** – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 30th July:** Chamber Council Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 27th August:** Chamber Council Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm
- **Tuesday 3rd September:** Members' Meeting – Broad Street Business Centre – 5.45pm