

KENT INVICTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY & ENTERPRISE Ltd

MINUTES OF THE 26TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD

ON

FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2019

AT

ASHFORD BUSINESS POINT, WATERBROOK AVE, SEVINGTON, ASHFORD KENT TN24 0LH

Directors: Richard Lavender, (Chair), Jo James, (Chief Executive), Carole Barron, (President), Henry Nydam, (Company Secretary), Tim allen, John Bunnett, Simon Webster, Miranda Chapman, Tracey Kerly, John Taylor, Chris Hare, Ray Johnson, Andrew Metcalf, Luke Quilter

Present: Alan Bolton, Tracey Kerly, Waleed Jamill, Peter Tomsett, Joe Waters, Elizabeth Halton, Angie Gillett, Mary Eniolu, Stuart Whorlow, Mandy Bearne, Pierre Haincourt, Dan Codrea, Petra Bones, John Mather, Desmond High, Angie Gillett, Elizabeth Halton, Joe Heathfield, Dawn Beckham, Gemma Charnley, Lesley Blackband, Wendy Jarvis, Jason Southcott, Liz Newell, Jane Pearman, Easmus Murphy, Ray Johnson, James Cole, Hamish Mackay Miller, Lynette Rowell, Nick Rowell, Carole Barron, Alan Heys, Steve Garnett, Rick Schofield, Anoj Perera, Roger Williams, Diane Dupree, Paul Kemp, Jay Sahota, Andrew Riedl, Tom Grinstead, Richard Lavender, Jo James, Tony Line, Suzanne Shaw, Edward Charles, Marion Turner, Andrew Laughland, Simon Gibbs, Rebecca Adams, Eric Mattheeuws, Andrew Metcalf, Hayley Benn, Mark Minus, Chris Hare, Lara Pool, Kim Stevens, Laura Bevan, Caroline Butterfield, Simon Moat, Jane Brook, Jeremy Francis, Miranda Chapman, Clare Belsom-Garner, Andy Sayers, Bev Butler, Joanne Parker, Clive Gawler, Julie Barry, Dan Sherlock, Bryn Price, Philip Pilgrim, Tim sheppard, Mark Browne, Billy Dean, Matthew Arnold

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 26th Annual General Meeting and stated that apologies from members would be recorded in the minutes.

1. Apologies

Gregory Mutch, Martin Kingman, Damian Green, John Hardie, Zoe Bowra, John Taylor, Jamie Pheasant, Pauline Smith, Kirstin Miller, Fiona Valentine, John Finn-Kelcey, John Norris, Alison Wallington, Helen Lock, Trevor Sturgess, David Breaker, Tim Allen, Richard Hicks, Graham Card, Jo Worby, Luke Quilter

2. Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on Friday 2 November 2018 and were confirmed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising

Proposed: Bryn Price

Seconded: Stuart Whorlow

3. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report had previously been circulated to the Members. RL said it had been a privilege and honour to have served as Chairman of such a thriving, active and caring Chamber. He congratulated JJ on her OBE and said it was well deserved.

Kent and Medway covers a large area and the Chamber manages to represent the majority of businesses throughout the region whether they are members or non members of the Chamber. RL mentioned all the hard work done by the Economic Development Groups and reminded the members that the groups are an opportunity for the members to raise local issues and concerns for the groups to take to higher levels, if necessary, to get them resolved.

RL finished off by saying he hopes the members feel that they have been supported by the Chamber through what has been a turbulent year.

(FULL REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE)

4. Annual Report and Accounts

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 have been approved by the Board and confirmed by the Auditor

Adoption of Accounts

Proposed: Dan Sherlock

Seconded: Stuart Whorlow Vote : Carried

5. Directors

5.1 Since the last AGM no Directors have resigned from the Board

5.2 The following Members will continue for the second year of their elected term:
Simon Webster, Ray Johnson, Luke Quilter

5.3 The following Members will continue for the third year of their elected term:
Carole Barron, Tim Allen, Richard Lavender, Andrew Metcalf, Richard Hicks, John Keefe,

5.4 The following Members have completed the third year of their elected term and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:
John Bunnett, Chris Hare, John Taylor, Miranda Chapmand, Tracey Kerly

Proposed: Richard Stafford

Seconded: Gill Monk

5.5 The following members have been co-opted during the year and being eligible, offer themselves for election:

Joanna Worby

Proposed: Bryn Price

Seconded: Stuart Whorlow

NOMINATIONS: There were no nominations received

6. Election of President

Richard Lavender has been nominated by the Board to take over as President. Miranda Chapman from Pillory Barn has been nominated by the Board to take over the Chairmanship of the Chamber for a period of 2 years from today and Chris Hare from Mid Kent College will take over as Vice Chair for the next 2 years. At this point the new Chair took over the meeting.

Miranda thanked Richard for all his hard work over the last 3 years and said it was a privilege to be the new Chair of the Chamber.

7. Appointment of Auditor

Wilkins Kennedy FKC for 2019/2020

8. Fixing of Auditor's Remuneration

The Chairman asked for authorisation for the Board to fix the Auditor fees.

Proposed: Desmond High **Seconded:** Alan Bolton **Vote:** Carried

9. Any Other Business

No questions were received and MC then handed over to the CEO for an update

10. Chief Executive Update

JJ said she was delighted to have so many Members join us for the 26th AGM. JJ touched on the Chamber's first business manifesto stating that the document will shape the Chamber's representation and lobbying activities for the coming year. Brexit was touched upon with a mention of the launch of a new Chamber Customs Service which will depend on which way things go with Brexit. The events organised over the last year were over 100 in number with over 7000 delegates attending these events. The Chamber is still working with Highways England on the Lower Thames Crossing, Heathrow Airport and their expansion plans and HS2. JJ said it had been a difficult year but there could be hard times ahead.

JJ finished by thanking the now past Chairman, Richard Lavender for all his hard work but said Richard is staying involved with the Chamber and taking up the role of President.

11. Vote of thanks

The vote of thanks was given by Nick Rowell who asked everyone to join him in thanking the Chamber, saying JJ is easy to work with and the Chamber staff are unpretentious in what they promise and reliable in what they deliver.

The Chairman then closed the AGM and reminded everyone that after lunch they would have an opportunity to give their input for the manifesto