

OUNDLLE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF TRADE AND COMMERCE

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT SMITHS @ 4 NORTH STREET, OUNDLE ON WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL 2011 AT 6.30PM

Present:	Philip Amps	Amps Fine Wines
	Alan Smith	Smiths of Oundle
	David Webb	Bulley Davey
	Simon Mason	Bulley Davey
	Julie Buck	MATER
	Edward Owen	HC Solicitors
	Stuart Blow	Stu-Pots
	Eddie Arthey	Pick Arthey
	Sue Andrew	The Bookkeeping Service
	Chris Browne	Virtual Law
	Beth Morton	Talbot Hotel
	Claire Crosby	Trek-Kits
	Roger Sturman	Taubenreuther
	Simon Platt	Pumpkin Print

1) **Introduction**

Philip Amps, the Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for attending.

2) **Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Colin and Anna Davies	Bowlin Insurance
Justin Jeffrey	Qi Marketing
Judith Roberts	Judith Day Optometrist

3) **Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the 2010 AGM were circulated to everyone in attendance. These were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

4) **Chairman's Summary**

Philip Amps summarised the activities of the past year, and thanked Simon Mason, who is standing down as Treasurer, and Julie Buck, who will be moving abroad later in the year and therefore leaving the Committee, for all of the work that they had done for the Association.

5) **Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports**

Simon Mason presented the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2010, and David Webb confirmed that details of the AGM and an invitation to join the Association had been sent out to a large number of businesses in the Oundle area.

6) **Accounts**

The approval of the accounts as presented by Simon Mason, and the appointment of Susan Andrew to undertake the Independent Review was proposed by Eddie Arthey and seconded by Alan Smith, and passed unanimously.

7) **Election of Officers**

All of the officers were elected unopposed, these being as follows:

		Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Philip Amps	Julie Buck	Susan Andrew
Vice Chairman	Alan Smith	Julie Buck	Philip Amps
Treasurer	David Webb	Philip Amps	Alan Smith
Secretary	David Webb	Philip Amps	Alan Smith

It was agreed that David Webb would try to persuade someone else from Bulley Davey to take over the job of Treasurer during the year.

8) **Election of other Committee Members**

It was noted that any member is welcome to attend the Committee meetings, but that the core of the Committee should continue to be the elected officers as above, together with Justin Jeffrey, Julie Buck until she leaves, and Stuart Blow.

9) **Proposed Events**

Golf evening – Members were still in favour of trying to organise a golf evening at Oundle Golf Club, but on a fairly social basis, not as a formal round of golf.

Bowls evening – David Webb was asked to arrange an evening with Oundle Bowls Club towards the end of August, although it was noted that the 2010 event was cancelled due to the weather.

Carnival – Philip Amps confirmed that the carnival was being held on 18th and 19th June 2011, with a sports decathlon event, to encourage people to try different sports, on the Saturday, and the parade on the Sunday.

Other events – The following events were discussed/suggested:

- Claire Crosby informed the meeting that there was a proposed music festival between Barnwell and Thurning on 19th August.
- Philip Amps suggested that we try and get Lindsey Reed to do a further presentation, as everyone who had attended her presentation in January was extremely impressed.
- Philip Amps agreed to hold a BBQ for the Association during July, as an alternative to the normal social meeting at Smiths.
- Claire Crosby informed the Committee of the pilgrimage walk being organised around the Oundle area during the first weekend in August.
- Roger Sturman suggested that the Association organise a formal dinner, but that this should avoid Summer and Christmas periods.
- Stuart Blow informed the meeting that late night shopping and the turning on of the Christmas lights would be held on Friday 2nd December.

10) **Social Meetings**

It was agreed that these continued to be good networking events, and were being reasonably well supported on a Wednesday evening. It was agreed to continue these on the first Wednesday of each month.

11) **Any Other Business**

It was noted that the annual town meeting was to be held on 28th April, and that this would include details of the proposals being put forward by the Oundle 2020 Committee.

Roger Sturman asked whether the members were aware of the introduction of wheelie bins into Oundle from July 2011, and how this would affect the outlook of the town if these were being left at the front of properties. David Webb commented that there was information concerning this on the ENDC website, with potential to log details of properties where wheelie bins would not be practical, for example, where they had no outside storage area with access for the bins. It was agreed that this was probably more of a problem on a residential basis than on a business basis, although it would affect the look of the town if the bins were stored at the front of properties.

It was noted that a considerable number of businesses were closing for the Royal Wedding Bank Holiday, including retail businesses, but it had been decided not to go ahead with a major street party in the centre of the town, although it was noted that there were a number of smaller parties planned in the town and surrounding villages.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.18pm.

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Chairman

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