



## Meeting of Sark Chamber of Commerce

Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

Apologies were received from Peter Tonks, President, who was away in Guernsey, and from Elizabeth Perree.

The meeting was chaired by Paul Amorgie.

Minutes of the last meeting, 5<sup>th</sup> June, were proposed by B. Parsons and seconded by C. Tonks.

Matters arising: Storage at the harbour had been mentioned, this would need to be checked out with the harbourmaster. A meeting with Manche-Iles was proposed, J. Guy reminded members that a meeting was always held in October, through Tourism, and Manche-Iles will be invited. This year the meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Chamber sponsorship of Island football team, the strip has been paid for.

Agenda item 1. Smoking: this generated a lot of discussion. Some points were:-

- Some tourists see the island as the last place where there is freedom to smoke in public
- Other visitors have expressed surprise to find smoking in public
- Local restaurants are already smoke-free
- Many of our young people are influenced by the example of our community smoking so freely
- A ban would make young people want to do what was forbidden
- We would like to promote Sark as a healthy place
- Staff in bars need to be protected
- It would be good to reach a compromise without a resort to legislation
- There is already the positive influence of smoking bans elsewhere
- Smoking areas could be created outside pubs and bars
- This is an opportunity to show others how we can achieve this through common-sense, not legislation
- We could hold a poster campaign
- We need further discussion, with all licensees

It was decided that P. Amorgie would draw up a letter to all licensees and invite them to a meeting in September.

## Ambassador of the Year

This item has been discussed several times and now P. Falle will circulate all members with a nomination form.

## Water conservation:

J. Guy introduced this item. There is a trend towards less rainfall. Well readings are down on last year. There is a need to encourage catchment. One suggestion is 'sponsor a water-butt' JG will put together a report for the next meeting.

Nominations for a Council member. C. Langford has resigned from the Council. We thank her for her work for the island. Please send nominations for a new Council member to me, C. Audrain, Sec

Next meeting: Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm, Board Room, Island Hall

## Ideas for next Agenda:

Discussion of nominations and awards for Sark Ambassador of the Year.

Water conservation, a report-back

Any other items, please forward to me.