

General Meeting Minutes 26/10/23

Kilcoy Visitor information Centre Open: 5.36pm

Attendees: as per attendees list attached

Apologies: Stephanie Cullen

Welcome to Country was delivered by Secretary, Bronwyn Davies.

President Lee Robinson outlined the purpose of the meeting namely:

- Welcome New members and guests (1 minute intro each)
- Presentation by Dani Vella re Non traditional traineeships
- Financial position
- Events, activities by Chamber
- Organisation name change
- Structure proposed
- Actions to be taken

Welcome members: Introduce themselves

The attendees spent a minute speaking about their respective businesses. Jayne McKenzie invited two guests to the meeting, Cathleen from Remedial massage and partner Claude Professional tennis Coach. Each spoke briefly about their businesses. Claude mentioned he was now the new Tennis Coach of the Kilcoy Tennis Club.

Presentation: Dani Vella, a local school teacher and mother of two boys, gave a thorough presentation on why the District and Region needs a Vocational School that allows for the children that do not adapt to main stream education practices, have an opportunity for a different approach to education through vocational learning.

There was a robust and informative discussion with many members contributing relevant knowledge and experiences. Claude also highlighted his extensive knowledge in the VETS Industry and College of Trades.

The way forward was discussed at length. Access to transport was highlighted as a major issue. John Christenson offered his expert knowledge in the way to seek support for changes to transport routes.

Lee Robinson Proposed the Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce formerly support the effort by providing a letter of support to Dani Vella as a way to assist her planning.

Second: Tim Mason All in favour: YES

Action: Secretary to write the letter of support and deliver to Dani Vella.

Financial position – Tim Mason provided a report stating the financial position which highlighted the Grant expenditure falling after June 30th and the Debt noted of 3 of the Executive committee. It was agreed by the 3 members that this Debt be forgiven.

That the Treasurers report(s) be accepted as true and accurate of the Chambers financial position and that the Debt noted of Members be forgiven.

Second: Philip Novella All in favour: YES

Events, Activities:

Lee provided an overview of all the most recent events and highlighted the need for input from members on what they value on presentations and event options.

- 10/10 - Kilcoy Wellness Festival
- 26/10 Tonight's Door prize is sponsored by BroadcastBiz – get your business cards in the Draw.
- 30/10 Kilcoy Parking – Mary Street KVIC Deb Frecklington
- 2/11 - Business Breakfast - Hon Lance McCallum MP, Minister for Energy will deliver a presentation covering his portfolio as Ass Minister and in particular that relate to our District. Thanks to our members ATODAKA and WERCS Hire for their Sponsorship. REGISTER <https://tinyurl.com/yrvnk8av>
- 22/11 - An evening with Matt Levy, OAM – Going the Distance – 22/11 Exchange Hotel \$20 plus booking fee. Proudly Sponsored by Somerset Health and Fitness
- REGISTER <https://tinyurl.com/3ds6kuj7>
- 7/12 – Christmas Evening for Members and Partners – Linville Hotel – Sponsored by Linville Hotel Champagne on the tables, Cost \$30 per head, A sponsor for the Bar Tab \$600 (2 drinks) Keep your tickets for the Door prizes!
- Special General Meeting – Lee Robinson and Bronwyn Davies provided an historical and current need for the organisation to grow beyond the border of Kilcoy.

Name Change for the organisation:

Somerset Business Chamber – Lee Robinson and Cameron Smart spoke to the benefit of encompassing a Somerset Chamber name as a way forward to developing the organisation. The name Somerset Business Chamber was voted by Executive as the new name for adoption. This name is the preferred name for the organisation with two other options that the office of fair trade requires. Lee Robinson went on to explain that the only change to the Constitution would be the name change.

Bronwyn explained the relevant history behind the move for a Somerset Chamber and that the former Somerset Regional Business Alliance would forfeit the organisation once the new name was approved. This would mean that any funds left under that organisation would be transferred to the new Somerset Business Chamber organisation albeit the former Kilcoy Chamber of Commerce.

Bronwyn and Lee also noted that the Constitution *Item 27 – Sub committees*, allows for the change and the formation for a regional membership structure. Forms of communication are optional under the Constitution item 23(4).

Members discussed the appropriateness of the change and agreed wholeheartedly for the change as a way to progress the benefit and development that the organisation provides.

Secretary, Bronwyn Davies formerly advised that the first requirement was to call a Special General Meeting by which the resolutions would be voted upon.

This meeting is therefore notified as being 7th December 6pm at the Linville Hotel. Thus giving more than 14 day's notice as required by the Constitution.

A Resolution for the Special Meeting will be provided that will detail the items to be voted upon.

Other General Business:

Lee Robinson asked for assistance re the Inaugural Business Awards Set for May 2024. It was raised by members that this event should be moved back to later in 2024 to focus on the Brand changes. This was agreed unanimously.

Developing a new website is still on the "to do list" with Sidoni Cromb again offering support. The existing website is being maintained by Bronwyn Davies as a temporary measure.

Meeting closed 7 : 09 pm

Next meeting Special General Meeting – 7th December, 6pm Linville Hotel

Christmas Dinner – 7th December, 6.30 pm Linville Hotel

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