

Minutes of the Meeting of Newton Stewart Business Association held at The McMillan Hall on Monday 24th November 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mary Prince (Chairman)
Kevin Dean (Vice Chair)
Brian Marshall (Treasurer)
Julie Hamilton (Minutes Secretary)
Keith Muir
Michael Turner
Barry Turnbull
Jennifer Turnbull
Robin Baxter
Rob Hart
Julie Hart
Mark McLean
Alex Reynolds
Elaine Marr

1. Welcome

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Graham Nicol, Joan Mitchell

3. Forestry Commission

Mary introduced Keith Muir, Forestry Commission, Scotland to the meeting who gave a very interesting and informative talk on the extensive plans for the local area and the effect on local businesses.

4. Minutes of the Meeting 27th October 2008

The minutes were approved.

5. Chairman's report

Mary gave details in Joan Mitchell's absence of Newton Stewart becoming a "Walkers are Welcome" town. It was decided to pursue the possibility of a link-up with Moffat.

Mary reported a letter had been received from Calgow Equestrian to provide a cover for their arena. They are looking for the NSBA support and a letter has been sent.

CCTV. There was a walkabout with area management, police, NSBA and Cree Valley. Suggestions for camera positions were Dashwood Square, Riverside Car park, Victoria Street, Town Clock and the market.

6. Treasurer's Report

Brian reported a bank balance of £1322.49. There are 42 members.

8. NS Shopping Survey

It was decided to run the questionnaire early in the New Year but some were to be distributed to businesses before Christmas

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9. AOCB

Leaflets are available for the 7 Stanes bike Trail.

Elaine asked for the local businesses to return their questionnaire

The DEHS requested trophy donations for school achievements. NSBA will give trophy for Personal Development, social and community skills. Stable Tea Rooms for Enterprise (Business Skills), Bruce Hotel (hospitality), J&B Print (graphic communication)

8. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 26th January 2009 at 7.30pm in the McMillan Hall.