

## **Bromyard and District Chamber of Commerce**

### **Minutes of meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, at the Falcon, Bromyard**

1. David James welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the speaker, Emma from Emma Bouston, Funeral Services in Bromyard High Street.
2. Emma said that she had been involved in Funeral Services from a young age and had qualified when she was 19. She opened the business in Bromyard 3 years ago and had a wonderful team to help her. Many people were now choosing less traditional funerals and wicker and cardboard were frequently chosen, rather than the usual wooden coffins. A variety of vehicles were also used rather than the traditional hearse. Emma always made sure that families knew the options available and charges involved. She tried to offer the family the sort of funeral they would like for their loved ones.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** had been circulated and were approved.
4. **Chairman's Report** – As there was a lot of business to get through, this would be given at next meeting.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – To be given at next meeting.
6. **Membership Secretary's Report** – We had a number of new members and welcomed several to the meeting tonight.
7. **Update of local festivals and events**
  - a. **Folk Festival** – it had been a good event and no problems reported. The Friday night procession had been popular, although less people watching the displays in town on the Saturday. It was a shame that cars had been left parked in the square on the Friday night as this made it difficult for the dancers and restricted views.
  - b. **Art Walk** – This had been a good event, with the children's activities proving particularly popular. Shop keepers had supported the event and were happy to display artwork in their windows.
  - c. **Christmas Lights** – Switch-On, 17<sup>th</sup> November. A sub-committee of members from the Chamber and the Lighting Brigade was formed to arrange for the day. The programme of events needed to be agreed and sent to Bromyard. Info as soon as possible in order for it to be included in the November issue.
8. **Chamber Awards – 19<sup>th</sup> March**, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Falcon Bromyard. The evening would offer a chance for local business people to meet and promote their businesses and would conclude with the awards to the chosen businesses. Number and Categories to be chosen for the awards. It was suggested that a buffet would be available and there would be exhibition space offered to businesses.
9. **Any other business** – The Bromyard lights look wonderful, but it would be good to have additional events during the Christmas period when they are on. Christmas markets were suggested, but this may be too late to organise for this year.
10. **Date of next meeting** – this would be 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Falcon Hotel, starting at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker would be Tristan Lewis from Lanyon Bowdler Solicitors.