

PEMBROKE DOCK CHAMBER OF TRADE  
**MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE PEMBROKE  
DOCK CHAMBER OF TRADE, HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON  
THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2006 AT 5:30pm.**

**PRESENT:**

Margaret Bond – Careers Wales	Charlotte Damery – Hasty Bite
Ian Ford – Mr Chips	Joyce Griffiths – Apley Lodge
Andrew Lewis – The Kitchen Store	Chris Morris – South West Associates
James Parfitt – Parfitt’s Carpets	Bill Phillips – Central Motor Parts
Angelina Rees – Dorina’s	Mark Carter – Aegis Insurance
David Broomhall – Pemb. Wash-Vac Centre	Kerry Beveridge – K’s Kitchen
Kathryn Grous – K’s Kitchen	

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Andrew Johnson – Pembroke Dock Web Project	Robert Taylor – Mr Roberts Mens Hire
Jim Lade – Pembroke Haven	Dave Omnet – Adept
Audrie Lewis – Pembs. Cancer Support	Trevor Collins – Modern Print
Mrs C Collins – R.M.Collins	Christine Evans – R.M. Collins
Lloyd James – Lloyd’s Jeweller	Lynn Lewsley – Barbers
George Manning	Colin Russell – Llanion Communities First

**8. MINUTES OF MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2006**

Alteration to apologies for the previous meeting, name to be added is Adrian James; otherwise the previous minutes were agreed as accurate and seconded.

**9. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Chris Morris elected as Chairman, Mark Carter elected as Treasurer, Andrew Lewis elected as Secretary.

A committee was proposed and accepted, with volunteers as members, those being: - Bill Phillips, Mark Carter, Ian Ford, James Parfitt and Charlotte Damery, with their remit to meet and encourage new membership, taking a proactive role in the Chamber’s activities.

**10. ATTENDANCE SHEET**

The Chairman stated the importance of completion of this document by those present, and remarked upon the possibility of funding from P.L.A.N.E.D.

**11. CAR PARKING**

Discussion was opened to the floor regarding new ideas and concerns over the proposed car-parking levy from the local authority.

Mark Carter reported that he had been in discussion with Darren Thomas from Pembrokeshire County Council, who had informed him that the next stage in the process was a media notice of the proposal, after which objections and counter-proposals could be submitted.

It was unanimously agreed that businesses should be making use of the Western Way car park, especially employers with larger workforces i.e. Barclays, Specsavers.

It was noted by many that the flow of traffic between Western Way and the town centre was illogical, leading to confusion and congestion. A period of free parking was discussed, with one hour charge free seeming the most practical.

There was also interest in the possibility of signage being displayed at London Road to stimulate interest in the town.

Some annoyance was expressed at the lack of policing and general mis-management of the town’s traffic situation.

Charlotte Damery proposed some form of permit parking for business, which was seconded.

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It was agreed that these considerations would be formalised at a later meeting (TBC) when the County Council returns from the summer break.

### **12. CHAMBER OF TRADE BLOG**

Thanks to Andrew Johnstone of The Pembroke Dock Community Web Project for creating an area in the public forum for Chamber Of Trade issues, announcements and general discussion. Members were also encouraged to make use of email for quick and effective communication. Discussion was ongoing with the Web Project regarding promotion of a car-sharing scheme.

### **13. RECRUITMENT**

Those present were encouraged to recruit another member.

### **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An issue was expressed regarding the lack of toilet facilities within the town. The Chairman expressed thanks to the Town Council for use of their facilities. Next meeting was proposed in late September, to be arranged and confirmed. They're being no other business, the meeting closed at 6:55pm.