

2023 AGM minutes

1. Present at AGM

Check against delegate list and make a note of who is actually present for the AGM

Name	Company
Dan Morgan	Haines Watts
Mark Blunden	Xpress Group Creative Print & Signage
Martine Robins	The HR Dept Surrey Hills
Ali Fisher	Plans with Purpose Ltd
Alison Galvin	INV Group
Tony Lynch	Keep Thinking Big
Ges Ray	Presentation Excellence
Richard Butcher	Stratagem Business Solutions
Clive Stone	Oakleaf Enterprise
Matthew Farrant	Haines Watts (Farnborough)
Steven Carson	Signal Hill Partnerships
Richard Essex	Grayside
Nigel Parsons	Answers Investigation
Anita Saini	HX Solutions
John Lloyd	Blur Dot Display Ltd
Fran Downes	Perfect Pitch Consultancy
Suzanne Jenkins	Zan Life Coaching
Sarah Butcher	Surrey Chambers of Commerce
Louise Punter	Surry Chamber of Commerce

2. To approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19th of July 2022:

Proposed by Tony Lynch

Seconded by Peter Quilter

All in favour of approving? Yes

3. To receive the Report of the President for the year ended May 2023

2022-2023

We have been seeing an uplift in engagement from businesses over the last 12 months, resulting in a good level of new members. Increasing membership by 10%. International Trade has dipped a bit due to the continuing issues of Brexit, Covid and the war in Ukraine.

Surrey Chambers Team

A few changes to the team from last year with Laura taking on Events, Sam on Marketing and our LSIP team-Rob, Annie and Hannah. I know Louise sees the Council as a fantastic addition to the chambers team and we are really grateful to them for continuing to feedback on what was happening on the ground so that we can continue to share with various Ministers and Civil Servants.

British Chambers of Commerce

I am sure you have heard a lot in the news about the CBI and the problems they have been facing. Chambers up and down the country have always had large companies as members and the British Council launched by British Chambers last week is an opportunity to demonstrate that. Heathrow is one of the founding members and they have been members of Surrey chambers for many years. We continue to be the voice of business locally with even more opportunity to fully represent businesses to the government.

Events

- The events programme continues to cater for all preferences-Face to face/online/morning/lunch/evening etc but definitely lots of opportunities for people to connect with each other.
- The Surrey Business Awards have been launched again this year with the celebration event taking place 17th October

Skills

Surrey Chambers took the Employer Representative Body lead on the Local Skills Plan for Surrey and North/Mid Hampshire, which essentially gathered business views on what skills shortages there are and what training provision needs to be available locally. The team have submitted a report to the Department of Education but more importantly a great sense of collaboration has evolved with some really exciting actions to increase engagement between businesses and employers in the pipeline. I recommend you looking at the Future Skills Hub on the Surrey Chambers website to find out more.

Other projects

Multiply-the team delivered 5 sessions to people in employment, who needed an update on their numeracy skills covering; percentages, VAT calculations, Excel, Budgeting and understanding accounts. They will be running further sessions this year and dates are about to be announced.

As you can see there is a lot going on with a small team delivering but I remind you that the team is there to deliver what we want and they need our help to do so

Our asks of you

- Please fill in the Quarterly Economic Survey once a quarter-it enables us to speak with authority on the state of the local economy
- Keep telling us what you need to be successful (Access to skills, your own training, what sort of events, what services etc)
- Think of ways you can support the skills agenda
- Use local businesses for your supply chain where possible
- Recommend new members to the Membership team
- Enter the Surrey Business Awards

Dan thanked Louise and the team for all their hard work.

4. To receive the statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

Proposed by Richard Essex
Seconded by Richard Butcher

All in favour of approving? Yes

5. To elect Council members for the ensuing year.

List of council members from Louise

Proposed by Martine Robins
Seconded by Ges Ray

All in favour of approving? Yes

6. To elect Board members for the ensuing year.

Alison Galvin

Proposed by Ali Fisher
Seconded by Clive Stone

All in favour of approving? Yes

Louise presented Peter Quilter with a gift of champagne and thanked him for his support over many years as a board and council member.