

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH FEBRUARY 2010 AT THE ROMAN WAY NEWARK

Attendees:

Angela Foreman	ADN Accounts and Bookkeeping Services Ltd
Anne Robson	St James' Place
Elaine Beeching	Newark Embroidery
Elaine Ellison	Hobsons Chartered Accountants
Emma Eagle	Tallents Solicitors
Jennie Searle	Woodbine
Julia Prebble	Peter Prebble Associates
June Rowlands	Boundary Sound
Marilyn Sharp	MDS Tele-Services
Martha Parry	
Paula Routledge	Floral Media (Nurseries)
Sarah Willis	Sarah Willis Civil Celebrant
Sue Lovell	Susan M Lovell
Tracey Hughes	Serendipity
Rachel Crispin	Chattertons Solicitors
Lesley Purveur	Larken & Co Solicitors (new member)

Apologies:

Gwyneth Jeyes	Tools for Life
Kirsty Cole	
Sue Marie Baczynski	Nottinghamshire Business Alliance
Laura Forsyth	Chattertons Solicitors
Katy Ward	Hobsons Chartered Accountants
Jane Mills	EMREG
Janice Standish	Therapeutic Counselling
Frances Kelly	Tallents Solicitors
Pat Hurst	

1. June Rowlands, the new Chair, welcomed everyone and the apologies for absence were announced.

2. **Membership Survey**

The full results of the Membership Survey are to be circulated with the Minutes, however June summarised the results. This feedback has been reviewed by the Committee and June outlined the following changes and ideas that will be introduced:

- Future meetings at The Roman Way will be held in the conservatory area which affords itself to a more informal seating arrangement.
- Members raised the issue regarding email contact. Whilst the Minutes and reminders for forthcoming meetings are emailed to members, the Committee are looking at a newsletter style type communication in the future.
- The emphasis for the meetings will alternate between business and social topics on a monthly basis.

- With effect from the March meeting, members can enter their business card into a raffle for £1.00 and the winner will have a 2 minute slot in that meeting to talk or explain more about their services.
- With effect from the March meeting, a "Swap Shop" slot will be introduced whereby members can share practical tips, or something they have recently discovered which they feel would be useful to other members. Members requiring solutions to problems can also raise queries to see if other members can help.
- Meeting Sponsorship

Members were asked if they would like to sponsor a meeting providing them with the opportunity to talk for 5 minutes in order to promote and talk about their business further. It is thought the charge for such sponsorship would be around £15.00/£20.00 which would be put towards the WIN charity or for funding an event. One member queried the additional benefit to be gained given the 2 minute slot raffle. June commented that this is an idea that can be developed and the Committee would welcome any comments or views from members.

- Women of Influence Lunch

The survey results revealed that this is an event that members would like to be introduced. Due to the planning involved, it is anticipated that a Women of Influence event would be planned for 2011 during this Spring time. If members have any ideas for good and inspirational speakers, please could they speak to June Rowlands.

3. Forthcoming Events

- Tuesday 9th March 2010 4.00 p.m. at The Roman Way - WIN meeting whereby Liselle Barnsley of Tailored Marketing Solutions will be addressing the meeting on speed networking.
- Tuesday, 13th April 2010 - Paul Evans of Unique Social Enterprises, the WIN adopted charity, will be speaking about the work they do at the Unique Coffee Bar and the Unique Scrap Store.
- 13th July 2010 - Summer social evening - details are to be confirmed but a possible venue is the function room at Manor Farm Teashop, Bleasby.
- 10th August 2010 - The every popular wine quiz at Ann et Vin is booked. More details are to follow and tickets will be available shortly.
- Tuesday 14th December 2010 - WIN Christmas Party.

4. On behalf of Lisa Holloway of Compton House, June read out a thank you letter from Meningitis UK who had received a £35.00 donation to their charity, following the AGM being held at Compton House.

5. Members stood up and introduced themselves.

6. Members are reminded that they can complete a Member's Notice Information Sheet with details of any events they would like circulated to the members. The Information Sheets should be passed to Emma Eagle at the end of the meeting and she will ensure the details are circulated with the Minutes.

7. June introduced Patricia Wynn, who is a voluntary support worker for CRUSE Bereavement, a national charity. After briefly explaining her experience of CRUSE and how she had become involved with the charity, Patricia gave members an insight into the work of a support worker. Although there is an office in Newark, Patricia visits clients in their own environment providing them with support following a bereavement. She talked about the various aspects of her work and the rewards it brings. The floor was opened up to members for questions. June Rowlands then thanked Patricia for her interesting and informative talk.

8. There being no further business, the meeting was closed.