

29th June 2015

Meeting Start time : 19:00pm

1 – **Apologies** from Majid Shabir, Sukhpal Gill, John Yatchisin, Jagtar Basi will arrive late,

2 – **Attendance** Jas Parmar, Eric Masih, Kuldip Rupra, Rajinder Chahal, Suki Tiahrra, Kay Ajula.

3 – **Minutes of last meeting** – Agreed and signed off by executives attending, only informal meeting.

4 – **Chairman's Report** – Discussion re successful meeting held with Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce on the 17th June 2015, attended by Jas, Eric and Kuldip with Cheryl C Smart, Chief Executive of (BCC), which was a follow on meeting from February 2015, meeting was beneficial to both parties with possibilities of forming alliance with (BCC), also possible funding to support BME's sector, a letter from Cheryl C Smart was received by Jas on the 26th June 2015, inviting Jas or one of other members to attend the (BCC) board meeting as an observer, Jas 's name was put forward to attend,

5 – **NABA** held a meeting with Marshalls group in East Midlands which was attended by Jagtar Basi, outcome was that marshalls will give 0.3% discount if you purchase a vehicle through their outlet, If anyone interested please speak to Jas Parmar.

6 – **Treasures Report** given by Suki, the BABA account stands £1817.75 in credit, there are no foreseen costs in the next few months, however there is a need to build the funds up.

7 – Next Event, Eric suggested that the next event should be informal social event ie ghazals night or sit down meal with soothing music with special performances, as we have outstanding deposit held at the centenary hall, Kempston, for an cancelled event.

However not all being fans of Ghazal's, felt Bollywood scene Hindi music with sit down meal would be more adequate, so it was actioned that Eric would find out the availability of hall, Kay and Jas will work on this, Kuldip will get in touch with Nicholson Aftab and see if we can use any of his students for entertainment.

Raj has also offered an Business Event held by SRMLEP at Matro Bank Milton Keynes as our next seminar on the 13th July 2015 at 18.00pm, limited places, first come first serve, must let Raj know by the 3rd July 2015.



Christmas Dinner & Dance, It was felt that we skip the awards ceremony this year, as we are not that large organization, but stick to black tie formal event. Suki felt should be guest speaker or business related, Jas Parmar has been actioned to look into this at the Corn Exchange for November 2015.

8 – Correspondence, Jas was approached by presentation house in Old Ford End Road, Queens Park, by the Staff Mrs Cynthia and leela begum, for some funding for their elderly residents, discussion was held, the members felt that as it was not a charitable organization we are not in a position to help out, and Jas wrote to them requesting Mr Gills position who is a resident there and Chairman of one of the Council run organisations (Community Network), they have not got back to Jas with any response,

However Eric enlightened the situation by stating that in May when Jas was initially approached by these ladies during Jas's campaign for Mayor, Jas asked Eric to look into it, Eric attended a meeting with these ladies and discussed a way forward to help, first project was Asian food for the residents to cook and eat together. With the help of local Tesco store Food Hampers were provided for them.

Raj suggested that BABA should choose one Charity to work with every year, which should be discussed at the AGM.

9 – A.O.B , Jas has got in touch with Ram paryaad regarding the update and training on the BABA website, how ever has not got very far as he now has not been able to contact him.

The Newsletter was once again discussed, Eric was asked to get in touch with david from Polish Community who runs his own Newsletter for the cost and time scale, Jas, Kay, and Kuldip were actioned to take lead and work with this, time scale was given September 2015.

Jas is also to pursue with the website as soon as possible.

10 – meeting close, until next meeting.

– **Actions discussed from previous meeting:**



- All proposed that executive members send apologies to BABA, several members have not attended meeting and at same time not sent apologies. JP, EM, KR and SG to meet to discuss and take forward.
- It was asked if we need to refresh the executive membership given the number of absences. JP, EM, KR and SG to look into.
- Taxi Drivers ; JP, JB, SG and KR to meet with Taxi drivers and share recent feedback on how BABA represented a Taxi drivers case at the council and how BABA can help fight their corner.
- Renewal of Membership Fee's : JP and JS have prepared a member letter but note sure if this was send to existing members. It was decided the executive members meet Bi-weekly to discuss collection of membership fees along with an update on organizing the AGM.
- AGM : It was discussed that Addison Center would not be cost effective, we should only cater for maybe 100 members the most.
- Eric Maish to find out cost to hire CENTENARY HALL and arrange date
- Managing Website : 1-1 training with RAM for all executive members. Eric has already received training.
- Apprentice/College Student : It was agreed that we employ someone part-time £100 per month to help with Admin, Marketing and Website Management. Please can you let Eric Masih know of suitable candidates.

5- **Treasures Report** : Bank Balance £1143.38. Most Executives have paid their subs, those who have not please do so by end of October. (Suki Thiara)

6 – **Correspondence & New Members** : No New members (Eric Masih)

7 – **Any other Business** : Jagtar Singh reminded everyone of Diwali Celebration at Biddenham Village Hall on Saturday 1st November 2014, All invited please do attend and support a good cause.

Next Meeting 13th October 2014 : Topics (1) Collection of Membership Fees (2) Update re AGM

