Shropshire Chamber of Commerce

MINUTES OF THE SHROPSHIRE CHAMBER LIMITED 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

COMBINED WITH SHROPSHIRE CHAMBER MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, 12th December 2025 at Hawkstone Park Hotel

Present:

It was confirmed a total of 78 attendees were present.

Shropshire Chamber Directors present:

Piran Littleton (President)
Maisy Owen (Director)
Keith Winter (Director)
Ruth Ross (Director and Chief Executive Officer)
Carl Jones (Director)
Kirsty Smallman (Director)
Matthew Small (Director)
Simon MacVicker (Director)

1 President's Introduction

Piran Littleton, President of Shropshire Chamber, formally welcomed members to the AGM and outlined the purpose of the meeting, highlighting its importance in member engagement, organisational transparency, decision-making, and the democratic governance of the Chamber.

Piran thanked the Chamber team for their continued professionalism, dedication, and hard work throughout the year, and expressed appreciation to the Chamber Patrons for their ongoing generosity and support. He also thanked the Board Members for their commitment and service in representing the interests of the membership.

A special thank you was extended to those Board Members whose terms had come to an end, recognising their valuable contribution during their time on the Board. Finally, Piran thanked Ruth for her leadership, determination, and continued focus on delivering value and support to Chamber members.

2 CEO Update

Ruth Ross delivered a presentation reflecting on the Chamber's activities and achievements over the past 12 months. The presentation highlighted the Chamber's continued focus on strengthening its core services, investing in its people and processes, and supporting members through a period of growth and development.

Ruth outlined key successes from the year, including initiatives to enhance member engagement, amplify the voice of the business community, and demonstrate the value delivered through Chamber membership. Members were updated on progress made against strategic objectives and the positive impact of the Chamber's work across Shropshire's business network.

The presentation also acknowledged the commitment of the Chamber team, Board Members, and wider stakeholder community in helping to deliver support, opportunities, and advocacy for members throughout the year.

3 Minutes of 2024 AGM held on 6th December 2024

RR proposed that the minutes of the 2024 AGM to be approved.
Members voted to agree the minutes with no amendments.

4 Receive and Adopt Directors' Report and the Audited Financial Statements to 31 March 2025

Keith winter presented the year-end accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2025. Turnover increased to £1,665,221 (2024: £1,031,124), demonstrating growth in the Chamber's overall activity. Gross profit remained stable at £404,569.
Administrative expenses for the year were £576,632, and the Chamber reported a loss before taxation of £126,137, resulting in a loss for the year of £141,106 after tax.
The Chamber continues to maintain a strong balance sheet, with fixed assets of £2,471,372 and net assets of £2,322,355 as at 31 March 2025.

SM proposed Receive and Adopt Directors' Report and the Audited Financial Statements to 31 March 2025. CJ seconded. All in favour.

5 Proposed alterations to Shropshire Chamber Ltd Articles of Association

Keith Winter proposed alteration of the Articles of Association. Members voted in favour.

6 **Appointment of Directors**

Keith Winter welcomed our newly appointed Board Members, whose appointments were formally approved by the membership, Felicity Wingrove, Alastair Daws, Matt Laws, Andy Begley and Hayley Norgrove as Associate Director.

The Board expressed its appreciation to all individuals who had put themselves forward and looked forward to the contribution the new Directors would make in representing and supporting the Chamber membership.

Any Other Business

Ruth Ross advised members that the Chamber has chosen to support Cuan Wildlife Rescue as its AGM Charity for this year. Based in Shropshire, Cuan Wildlife Rescue provides essential care, rehabilitation, and treatment to sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife, with the aim of returning animals to their natural habitats whenever possible.

The charity was selected at random by the Chamber's Patrons from a shortlist of worthy local causes. Members were pleased to support Cuan Wildlife Rescue and the valuable work it undertakes across the region, helping to protect and care for local wildlife while promoting environmental awareness and conservation.

8 Piral Littleton closed the AGM



Approved: _____ Date: 12th December 2025

PIRAN LITTLETON - PRESIDENT