CONSTITUTION of Siambr Fasnach a Thwristiaeth Bro Ffestiniog Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

Our Key Objectives

- 1. Represent the business and tourism community
- 2. Geographical spread Bro Ffestiniog being the geographical area covered by the LL41 post-code and others nearby
- 3. Provide networking, inter-trading and social opportunities
- 4. Business development for members and the area / community

Our Strategy

- To encourage local businesses to join the Chamber for mutual benefit
- To develop a marketing / communications strategy with others for the benefit of the Bro Ffestiniog area i.e. inform, sell to, and increase customers visiting the area
- To develop partnerships with key bodies to influence and represent the area
- To help others to develop an economic / business strategy
- To identify key areas for any funding based on local needs
- To identify cost-saving and revenue-raising opportunities for local businesses

Our Constitution

- The name of our group is <u>Siambr Fasnach a Thwristiaeth Bro Ffestiniog</u> <u>Chamber of Commerce & Tourism</u> ("Chamber")
- 2. The Chamber is a not for profit organisation. Income generated from membership with the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism during the year is offset against costs incurred during the year. Any surpluses will be reinvested in future activities and will not be taken as profits. Upon cessation of the organisation, any surpluses will be donated to a registered charity as deemed appropriate by the organisation members
- The Chamber is to represent the interests of the whole business community in Bro Ffestiniog
- 4 Members of the Chamber shall consist of those engaged in trade, commerce or tourism and shall be represented by the principal or a nominated representative
- Members at a general meeting may invite other organisations or individuals to attend meetings to provide special services or for a special cause. Only fully paid-up members will be entitled to vote at any meeting
- The subscription scale shall be set by the Executive Committee on an annual basis and announced to members 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting

- Officers of the Chamber shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Officer and Marketing Officer.

 They shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and hold office until the next AGM, when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election. Officers must live and / or work within the geographical area covered
- The executive committee consists of the officers and the general committee all the paid up members. If a vacancy of one of the above officers in point 7 occurs, the general committee may appoint one of themselves to oversee that executive office until the next AGM. Anyone unable to attend a meeting can lodge a proxy vote through the chair
- 9 Meetings of the general committee may be convened by any officer or any two general committee members not being officers. A quorum consists of a minimum of two officers and three general committee members. If votes are tied, the Chair has a casting vote
- The AGM shall be held no later than March, the actual date to be determined by the officers. The business of the AGM is to elect the officers, approve the accounts (made up to the last day of December previous), and any other business for which 21 days notice shall have been given to the Secretary
- 11 General meetings of the membership shall be held as required and Extraordinary General Meetings ("EGM") shall be held at any time on the written request delivered to the Secretary of 30% of the members stating the business for which it is required
- 12 These rules may be altered, repealed or new ones added at an AGM or EGM duly summoned for that purpose
- 13 The Chamber has a bi-lingual policy