

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 9th of December 2014 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Batemans Mill (JH), Andrew King Lilleker & King (AK), Cheryle Berry - Clay Cross Rotary club (CB), Dave Clark – Clay Cross FC (DC), Bryan Harrison – NEDDC (BH)

1. Apologies

Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, Steve Hardman (HR Consultancy), Geo Corbett, , Paul Whitton (PW Computers), Caron Bond (Elizabeth's Wool Shop), ,D & F Nutt (T Nutt & Sons Ltd), Warren Makinson (Clay Cross Rotary club), Angela Gambetta (CX Post Office), Peter Yates (Junk & Disorderly),G & J Hairstylists, Neil Burke (Utility Specialists), Nina Gurling (Clay Cross Chiropractic), Lousie Manfredi (Smiths Creamland Ices)

2. Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and signed by JH as a true record.

3. Matters arising no matters arising that weren't on the agenda

4. Newsletter & Website update. The latest Newsletter run ons have only just been received today which is very disappointing as the opportunity to distribute for the first 9 days of the month have been missed. JH to speak to Wings and as CB remarked to let them know just how disappointing this late delivery has been to the members. AK advised that he had spoken to Paul Whitton about the number of hits we were getting on the website and he said we could improve our Google ranking by amending our domain name to 'claycrosscommunity' as the search engine would then react favourably to anyone entering the words 'Clay Cross' into a search. It was agreed AK would follow up the possibility of obtaining this name together with cost.

5. Community Matters including 'Get Growing initiative' and future town development

GC was unable to attend this meeting but will be coming to Clay Cross before Christmas in order to plant the replacement plants at the Parish Garden. The autumn tidy up on the Saturday morning of 15 November had gone well, as lead by George and the planters had been successfully weeded with any necessary pruning done at the same time.

6. New members joining and Treasurer report

Since the last meeting AK was pleased to report that 'The Wright Hair' on Market St. had joined the group. JH said she was working on a welcome pack for new members which would include window stickers and hoped to have something to bring to the February meeting.

AK produced the Treasurer Report showing a Deficiency of payments over receipts in the year to date of £129.45 which is a further reduction on the previously reported year to date deficiency of £289. We currently hold £887.70 in group funds together with £197.55 in unspent DCC Community Grant fund monies, however we now owe Wings £600 for the latest December Newsletter and will very likely have to pay £292 for the Newsletter 'run ons'.

7. Fundraising & future Social events Upcoming events are as follows:

Saturday 13 December from 10.30am to 3pm Christmas Market at the Social Centre on Market St.

We will be having a Tombola stall to raise funds and also raise awareness of the group and its members, AK said he would organise the stall. Any member who can assist or has a prize to donate should contact AK on 860333

Events that have taken place since the last meeting are:

The visit of Pudsey Bear to TCG member Clay Cross Post Office was a success with children from the Chatterbox Nursery coming to say hello as well as children from Sharley Park Primary School. The Post Office staff worked hard to decorate the shop and very much entered into the spirit of the occasion dressed in their 'Onesies'. Look North TV came along to see Pudsey as well as the Derbyshire Times who took photographs.

CB reported that the 'Clay Cross has got Talent' competition went well and via the raffle £150 was raised which was donated to the NEDDC Chair's Charity Appeal. CB was very grateful for all donated raffle prizes and the free use of the Social Centre as granted by the Parish Council and further reported that the winner was singer Alison Morley who gave an excellent performance. Local MP Natascha Engel was one of the judges and all in all a good night was had by everyone attending.

AK reported that the 'Evening Shopping Event' on Thursday 4 December had been well supported with the choir of children from Sharley Park School being a star turn along with Ashover Brass Band. Over 15 Town Centre shops had participated and most reported that they achieved some trade between 6pm and 8pm. JH had been in attendance at the event and said that in her view there had been a good atmosphere in the town and amongst the shoppers. AK said that all participating traders he had subsequently spoken to had felt the event was worthwhile and should be run again next year.

8. Member information exchange.

CB had attended the Clay Cross Parish Council sponsored daffodil planting in Kenning Park along with Councillor Ted Mansbridge and all being well 2014 daffodils will emerge in the spring. BH said the St Modwen development was still on schedule and once the supermarket and fast food restaurant were operational at the Derby Rd. End between 40 to 60 jobs should be created.

DC advised that Clay Cross FC now had the floodlights to its ground successfully installed and that **the first floodlit match was due to take place on Wednesday 17th December**

9. Meeting closed.

For your diary planning the next two meeting dates, all on a Tuesday, are:

There is no meeting in January 2015

10 February 2015

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