

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 10th of June 2014 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon (JH) Batemans Mill - Chair, Andrew King (AK) Lilleker & King, Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, George Corbett (GC) Landscape Architect, R Makinson (RM) Clay Cross Rotary Club, Cheryle Berry (CBe) Clay Cross Rotary Club, Martin Roberts (MR) Clay Cross FC, Paul Whitton (PW) PW Computers, Deborah (D) PW Computers, Lydia Watters (LW) The Vintage Community

1. Apologies

Angela Gambetta (AG) Clay Cross Post Office, Louise Manfredi (LM) Smiths Creamland Ices, Kay Adlington (KA) Food for thought T Mansbridge (TM) Clay Cross Parish Council, Steve Hardman (SH) The HR Dept. Bryan Harrison (BH) NEDDC, Nina Gurling (NG) Clay Cross Chiropractic, Caron Bond (CB) Elizabeth's Wool shop, Andrew Fellows (AF) Community of Christ, Ian Bexton (IB) Beck's Rock Box, Neil Burke (NB) The Utility Specialists

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on the Tuesday 13th of May 2014 were circulated and signed by JH as a true record.

3. Matters arising There were no matters arising other than those dealt with later in this meeting's agenda.

4. Newsletter & website update

Paul Whitton (PW) and Deborah of PW Computers, who are now members of the group, were welcomed to the meeting and they immediately demonstrated via two laptop PCs the new Clay Cross Town Centre Group website which PW Computers has constructed and is now 'live' on the web. Navigation of the website has been kept straightforward such that browsers/visitors should not get lost in a tangled path of open windows. Where member website addresses are known links have been put in place from their directory entry and PW advised that if he was given face book 'URLs' he could incorporate a similar link to a face book page such as the one which exists for our own face book account. The website incorporates the agendas and minutes of recent meetings together with a copy of the constitution. The current Newsletter, once it is available in pdf format will also be capable of being posted on the site. There was some discussion about updates and how this would be achieved; AK advised he was happy to act as an e-mail post box for members to use if they wished to provide more information. MR said that the Clay Cross FC website is continually keeping forthcoming events posted on their News and Events page in order to keep the website fresh and the meeting recognised that this was an important aspect of maintaining the impact a website has on the internet user. PW said that he would emphasise the face book link to our Town Centre Group page as this would go some way to keeping up with the latest member news Deborah of PW Computers said that initially we might all want to try working with the site as it is in order to determine which particular areas require more fine tuning. JH said that now we have a functioning

website again that she would look into obtaining some stickers advertising the site to put in members shops and possibly on car bumpers.

JH reiterated her request for items of news from members for future Newsletter purposes. PW and Deborah having been thanked by the meeting for their attendance then left the meeting

5. Community Matters including 'Get growing initiative'

Get growing initiative, GC advised that the plants in the 'Parish Garden' on Market Street continued to thrive and DY said she had seen members of the public starting to make use of the seating at the side of the planters. GC said that planters were being adopted by the food bank, Tupton Hall School and that we as a group will also have responsibility for a planter. GC had approached the local fire brigade with regard to having a planter but this approach had not been taken up.

DY advised the meeting that she understood 'Bargain Booze' were interested in taking over the remainder of the old Co-op unit on Market Street adjacent to Iceland, which whilst positive in terms of occupying an empty shop there was concern that this might encourage a litter problem for our 'Parish Garden' which is immediately at the side of these premises.

6. New members joining and Treasurer report

AK advised that two new members had joined since the last meeting, PW Computers as already mentioned and Lydia Watters of the Vintage Community, who was in attendance tonight. AK distributed the Receipts & Payments account for the period 1 April 2014 to 10 June 2014 which showed an excess of payments over receipts of £770 and a balance in hand of £444. Of this balance £197 is ring fenced money relating to the 'Get Growing Initiative' leaving £247 in general funds. Currently we have an outstanding account payable to Wings for Newsletter issue 100 of £600 which is not covered by general funds in hand. DY then made a further donation of £10 for the psychic night bringing the total raised to £130 and JH produced a further £5 in member subscriptions.

Going forward it was agreed that with the new website in place to which all members would be entitled to a listing, that new members joining should pay a subscription fee of £10 in order to reflect a fairer price for what was being made available to them.

7. Fundraising & Future Social Events. JH confirmed the Psychic night on Thursday 29 May had raised £120 after deducting the cost of the Pie & Pea supper. LW mentioned the possibility of having a vintage community themed market event which would involve group members and those other businesses that were also trading from Victoria buildings on the High Street. CBe said perhaps we could rent market stalls on a particular Saturday and also commented that in the past the Rotary Club has been able to have stalls on the open space area next to the job centre.

8. Member information exchange. MR advised that Clay Cross FC were open to Charity events and were also putting floodlights up in the near future which will enable the club to enter National Competitions and hence raise its public profile. On the 17 August the ground is being used to host a fun day and local businesses who wish to participate can be involved. Interested persons should speak to Martin who is regularly 'out and about' in Clay Cross.

9. Next Meeting Tuesday 8th of July 2014 6PM at Batemans Mill Hotel.

Meeting closed.