

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 13th of May 2014 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon (JH) Batemans Mill - Chair, Andrew King (AK) Lilleker & King, Angela Gambetta (AG) Clay Cross Post Office, Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, George Corbett (GC) Landscape Architect, Kay Adlington (KA) Food for thought, R Makinson (RM) Clay Cross Rotary Club, Andrew Fellows (AF) Community of Christ, Ian Bexton (IB) Beck's Rock Box – Secretary

1. Apologies

Louise Manfredi (LM) Smiths Creamland Ices, T Mansbridge (TM) Clay Cross Parish Council, Steve Hardman (SH) The HR Dept. Bryan Harrison (BH) NEDDC, Nina Gurling (NG) Clay Cross Chiropractic, D & F Nutt - T Nutt & Sons Ltd, Caron Bond (CB) Elizabeth's Wool shop, Pauline Walker (PW) – Mr Jeeves Dry Cleaners, Cheryle Berry (CBe) Clay Cross Rotary

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on the Tuesday 8th of April 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. Community Matters including 'Get Growing initiative'

Get Growing initiative, GC advised that the 'Parish Garden' planters on Market Street had been stocked with fruit trees, herbs and other edible plants and that these were now established and growing. GC also told us he was in the process of contacting sponsors and adopters for the planters and additional planters which included the local fire service, Blue Dykes surgery and Tupton Hall School. Work on the first 'Propaganda Garden' in conjunction with TCG member The Community of Christ, of Thanet Street, was due to start shortly and would be visible to traffic passing through the town on the main A61 road.

5. New members joining and Treasurer report

AK advised no new members had joined since the last meeting. JH advised that the proprietress from the Vintage Tea Rooms on High Street has been in contact to express an interest in joining the group. AK distributed the Receipts & Payments account for the period 1 April 2014 to 13 May 2014 which showed an excess of payments over receipts of £137 and a balance in hand of £1,078. Of this balance £344 is ring fenced money relating to the 'Get Growing Initiative' leaving £734 in general funds. Currently we have an outstanding account payable to Wings for Newsletter issue 99 of £600 and 'Run-ons' of £292 which at a total of £892 is not covered by general funds in hand. JH commented that further funds should be raised at the forthcoming Psychic night that she is holding at the Hotel.

6. Newsletter & website update. JH repeated her request for News and material of local interest for the next June/July Newsletter (Wings Issue 100) which she is currently working on. GC observed that given the funding gap we currently have with the bi-monthly costs associated with the Newsletter and the need to appeal to the under 40 demographic, we ought to try missing a Newsletter edition and use the funds to build a new Town Centre Group website, with the capability of linking to member websites. After discussion it was agreed we should miss the August/September issue and look for a suitable web site builder. AG mentioned that the Post Office were intending on having a website, and although not yet in existence it will be coming. DY believed we should strengthen our links with Clay Cross Football Club and commented about the need for success stories to incorporate into our Newsletter.

7. Fundraising & Future Social Events. JH reminded us of the Psychic night on Thursday 29 May at the Hotel; tickets cost £12 and include a supper. AK agreed to issue a round robin e-mail to all members as a final promotion for this event

8. Member information exchange. KA advised that there would be a Clay Cross Food bank collection during the first weekend in July. IB mentioned that he would be attending a Music Festival at Ashover over Friday and Saturday 20/21 June and suggested Tombola as a fundraiser.

9. Next Meeting Tuesday 10th of June 2014 6PM at Batemans Mill Hotel.

Meeting closed.