

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 8th of July 2014 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Andrew King (AK) Lilleker & King – Acting Chair, George Corbett (GC) Landscape Architect, Angela Gambetta (AG) Clay Cross Post Office, Warren Makinson (WM) Clay Cross Rotary Club, Bryan Harrison (BH) NEDDC, Paul Whitton (PW) PW Computers, Deborah Duffin (DD) PW Computers, Caron Bond (CB) Elizabeth's Wool shop,

1. Apologies

Jade Hendon (JH) Batemans Mill, Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, Louise Manfredi (LM) Smiths Creamland Ices, Kay Adlington (KA) Food for Thought, , Cheryle Berry (CBe) Clay Cross Rotary Club, T Mansbridge (TM) Clay Cross Parish Council, Steve Hardman (SH) The HR Dept., Lydia Watters (LW) The Vintage Community, Andrew Fellows (AF) Community of Christ, Ian Bexton (IB) Beck's Rock Box, Dave Clark (MR) Clay Cross FC, Neil Burke (NB) The Utility Specialists, Georgina Skelton and Julie Heeley G & J Hairstylists, David & Fran Nutt T Nutt & Sons Ltd, Peregrine Bowden The Charlesworth Veterinary Surgery

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on the Tuesday 10th of June 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) of PW Computers, advised that website updates/additional member details were being passed to him by AK and that he had successfully posted these documents in pdf format on the site. We now have meeting agendas and minutes being posted up as they become available. PW also said he would look at obtaining some further pictures of the town centre to post on our home page. We were also reminded that if Face book 'URLs' were provided to PW he could incorporate a similar link to a face book page such as the one which exists for our own face book account. With regard to the Newsletter AK said that in the absence of a pdf copy direct from Wings that he had scanned a copy of the June/July issue in an effort to have a document on the site and PW said he would do what he could to get a readable document on the appropriate web page. AK made the point that from a Google search angle we now come up as the second hit if you search 'Clay Cross Town Centre Group' and encouraged members to keep visiting the site in order to maintain our ranking.

BH commented that there was a promotional event called 'Small Business Saturday' which he believed is due to take place on Saturday 6th December this year and wondered if we could use our website to promote this initiative. The idea is to encourage local people to support a local business

by purchasing some of their goods and services on that particular Saturday. PW said he would look at this and see if he could create a link to the promotional website that was already established.

5. Community Matters including 'Get growing initiative' and Future Town Development

Get growing initiative, GC advised that the plants in the 'Parish Garden' on Market Street continued to thrive, there has only been one casualty, and that Ladbrokes and The Last Orders Pub had all been co-operative in providing free water to irrigate the plants. The garden at The Community of Christ Church on Thanet Street is all growing well being planted with herbs, fruit trees, and raspberry canes and fruit bushes. GC said that with regard to adopting further planters he has opened up dialogue with Iceland and he intended to approach Sharley Park Primary School, Clay Cross Hospital and Blue Dykes surgery. With regard to the Parish Garden BH said that the 'Bargain Booze' planning application was following due process and AK commented that if they do occupy the building next to our Garden we need to make contact with them early on in order to work with them to help preserve what has been achieved with our 'get growing' initiative to date.

Closure of Clay Cross Hospital Alton Ward - AK reminded members that there is to be a public meeting at the Clay Cross Social Centre on Friday 18 July at 7pm which is expected to have representatives from the Commissioning Group involved, the NHS as well as Janette Cox from Clay Cross Hospital in order to have a balanced debate. Closure of the one remaining ward appears to be something of an unexpected action which will effectively turn the hospital into a clinic and would appear to not be in line with a rising population especially given that Clay Cross is likely to see an increase in residential occupation over the next 10 years with the old Biwater Works and Derby Road site development by St Modwen. Members who are interested in making their views known on this matter should therefore make every effort to attend the meeting on 18 July.

6. New members joining and Treasurer report

AK advised that two new members had joined since the last meeting, The Strawberry Basket, who are Greengrocers on Market Street and Clay Cross DIY who are also on Market Street. AK distributed the Receipts & Payments account for the period 1 April 2014 to 8 July 2014 which showed an excess of payments over receipts of £575 and a balance in hand of £639. Of this balance £197 is ring fenced money relating to the 'Get Growing Initiative' leaving £441 in general funds. Currently we have an outstanding account payable to Wings for Newsletter issue 100 of £892, including the run-on copies we distribute independently, which is not covered by general funds in hand. Member numbers have now risen to almost 50 and AK encouraged members to promote membership to other local businesses who had not yet joined and emphasise that for a £10 annual fee this would give them a website directory listing for 1 year with the opportunity to either have a direct link to their own website or in the absence of a website to provide a pdf summary of what their business had to offer which would be displayed by clicking on their member directory listing, The Strawberry Basket and The Post Office being examples of simple factual pdf documents that were readily available to visitors to our website.

7. Fundraising & Future Social Events.

The Clay Cross FC Fun day is to go ahead as planned on 17 August, JH has thru her business donated the use of a bouncy castle and will also be providing the outdoor bar, and AG confirmed the Post Office will have a presence too. Members/businesses interested in taking part should contact Martin Roberts of the Football Club.

CB reported that she had been in contact with JH with a view to holding a Vintage Fair probably sometime around the August bank holiday and that she and JH would arrange to meet to plan this with Lydia Watters who specialises in vintage themed activities.

8. Member information exchange. AK said that via contact with TM earlier today that there was to be a daffodil planting taking place in Kenning park this coming October. The exact date is to be advised and all will be welcome. The event will involve Rykneld Homes and take place on the bank side. AK mentioned the availability of the Digital Derbyshire's Business Support Programme which a Council Officer called James was promoting. The meeting agreed that we should accept the officer's offer to come to one of our meetings to provide more firsthand details; BH will liaise with James accordingly.

9. Next Meeting Tuesday 12th of August 2014 6PM at Batemans Mill Hotel.

Meeting closed.