

## **Clay Cross Town Centre Group**

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

### **Attendees**

Jade Hendon (JH) Batemans Mill - Chair, Andrew King (AK) Lilleker & King, George Corbett (GC) Landscape Architect, Louise Manfredi (LM) Smiths Creamland Ices, T Mansbridge (TM) Clay Cross Parish Council, Kay Adlington (KA) Food for thought, R Makinson (RM) Clay Cross Rotary Club, Andrew Fellows (AF) Community of Christ

### **1. Apologies**

Angela Gambetta (AG) Clay Cross Post Office, Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, Steve Hardman (SH) The HR Dept. Bryan Harrison (BH) NEDDC, Rita Williams (RW), 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 ,

**2. Minutes of the last meeting** held on the Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of March 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 sourcing of suitable plants was progressing well and that he hoped to secure sufficient stock in the very near future to allow the 'Parish Garden' on Market Street to be cultivated with fruit trees, herbs and other edible plants.

TM advised that the St Modwen development plans to bring about the building of a Lidl food store at the new roundabout that is planned opposite the Incomol trading estate on Derby Road. There will also be a Hotel and Pub Diner built at the same location with a further part of the development taking place at the Market Street location close to the old Clay Cross works where a plot of houses will be built along with some commercial units. A planning application to finalise the development is now to be made and it is anticipated enabling works will begin this July/August. The new Sports Pavilion has already been built as part of this development. The remaining land that is part of the whole site, which is not being built on, is to be given over to the local authority for amenity use.

TM also advised that a Pub & Restaurant development has been approved for the corner of the Coney Green site on Market Street and that the Bridge Street retail unit next to Dominoes' Pizza is to be taken by Card Factory.

### **5. New members joining and Treasurer report**

JH advised that new members joining since the last meeting were Ryleigh's Hair on Thanet Street, make do and Mend on High Street and Neil Burke of the Utility Specialists. AK distributed the

Receipts & Payments account for the year ended 31 March 2014 which showed an excess of payments over receipts of £745 and a balance in hand of £1,214. Of this balance £796 is ring fenced money relating to the 'Get Growing Initiative' leaving £418 in general funds. Currently we have an outstanding account payable to Wings for Newsletter issue 99 of £600 which at the moment is not covered by general funds in hand. JH commented that there were further fundraising events in the near future which would help narrow this deficiency

**6. Newsletter & website update.** JH advised there was no update at present on the website. With regard to the next June/July Newsletter it is intended to provide an update on the Get Growing Initiative and also mention the work of the Food bank. JH requested that any information for the next Newsletter be forwarded to her by email to JH as soon as possible.

**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.

**8. Member information exchange.** TM advised that footpath 1 which leads from High Street to Kenning Park is to be upgraded. TM also advised that he had recently met with the Chamber of Commerce and the Police with regard to installing new digital security cameras in the town. If this goes ahead the intention is that they would be monitored at Danesmoor Police Station. AF drew attention to the Clay Cross Food bank operations and distributed posters for members who wished to participate as collection points.

**9. Next Meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2014 6PM at Batemans Mill Hotel.

Meeting closed.