

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Thursday 12th of March 2015 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Batemans Mill (JH), Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, Andrew King Lilleker & King (AK), Angela Gambetta - CX Post Office (AG), Louise Manfredi - Smiths Creamland Ices (LM), Julie Clark (JC) and Pauline Walker (PW) – Mr Jeeves Dry Cleaning, Katrina Hardwick – The Cooking Pot (KH)

KH was welcomed to the meeting by chair JH and introductions were made.

1. Apologies

Cheryle Berry - Clay Cross Rotary club (CB), Geo Corbett, , Paul Whitton (PW Computers), Caron Bond (Elizabeth's Wool Shop), Warren Makinson (Clay Cross Rotary club), G & J Hairstylists, E Mansbridge (Clay Cross PC) A Botham (Clever Thompson), S Hardman (HR Consultancy) D Clark (Clay Cross FC), Bryan Harrison (NEDDC)

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 next Newsletter is due to be published with the April/May issue of the Wings magazine. AK observed that if we could have a pdf of this next publication we could print our own run ons, DY however noted that there might be copyright issues involved but it was agreed it was worth asking the question.

With regard to the website the address has now been changed to www.claycrosscommunity.net in order to make the name more responsive to a search which starts with 'claycross'. The old website domain name a-crossthecommunity.co.uk has been retained should we wish to revert to this later on.

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

The Clay Cross Parish Council has included a consultation document within its Clay Cross Update publication dated Spring 2015 which has been distributed to all households within the Parish. The aim of the consultation is to obtain local people's views on how the Parish Council might improve the existing facilities at Kenning Park and Meadow Farm Fishing Pond.

There is no further news on the Derby Road Development at present although it is apparent that the site has been cleared and levelled with the intention of some development in the near future looking more likely than not. The 'Extra Care Facility' is due to open in September this year which is slightly later than the planned original Spring opening date.

DY mentioned that 'Destination Chesterfield' had made contact with her about joining this tourism group. However it was discovered that the annual fee was likely to be a four figure sum and as such JH observed this was not a possibility for our group.

Bryan Harrison of NEDDC had asked that the group consider using some of its funds towards improving the gardens at the rear of the Central Methodist Church on High Street. The developers of the Extra Care Facility are providing some assistance but of a clearance nature rather than in actual planting. AK pointed out we still have £197 in unexpended grant money from the 'Get Growing' initiative and suggested we could give some support from this resource. PW suggested we offer £20 towards the purchase of seeds and this was agreed by all to be a reasonable gesture towards furthering this project.

6. New members joining and Treasurer report

There have been no new members joining since the February meeting. The current financial position is that we have just over £600 in free unrestricted funds with no liabilities other than the forthcoming Newsletter cost. AK said he had issued a member subscription renewal document with his recent email to members on 10 March 2012. The annual subscription of £10, which includes a listing on our website, is in addition to any £10/month payment for the hardcopy directory and all members who wish to continue to belong to the group are urged to send their payment to the treasurer, Andrew King, at 1, The Mall, Market Street, Clay Cross Chesterfield S45 9JE as soon as conveniently possible.

7. Fundraising & future Social events

KH gave the meeting more information about the proposed summer social event. The hire of the Clay Cross Social Centre will cost £100 from 6pm to midnight and KH is prepared to organise the refreshments. Themes for the evening were discussed and ideas put forward included a charity raffle, a photo shoot with props, a Beetle Drive, a quiz/games and a group. It was agreed that there should be some admission fee charge and that the timing of the event should be in the early summer before the schools break up.

Looking forward JH said she hoped to run another Psychic evening as a social event as well as fundraiser and AK mentioned that the Parish Council were organising their Biennial Gala in July this year and that following on from the success in 2013 he felt we should again participate with a fundraising/promotional stall.

8. Member information exchange.

There was no further information to add

9. Meeting closed.

For your diary planning the next three meeting dates are:

14 April

12 May

9 June