

## **Clay Cross Town Centre Group**

### **Minutes of the last meeting held**

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of February 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), Dave Clark – Clay Cross FC (DC),

##### **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), Peter Yates (Junk & Disorderly), G & J Hairstylists, Nina Gurling (Clay Cross Chiropractic), E Mansbridge (Clay Cross PC)

**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 the costs of £892 per issue were still taking most of our funds and said he was exploring ways of seeing if we could prepare a version in house. DY wondered if there was someone local who was prepared to support the community by taking the lead on the day to day promotion of the group particularly with regard to facebook. AG said that she was aware of a local person who worked within the town who might assist and said she would make an approach. With regard to the website name change AK acknowledged he still had to make enquiries on this matter and JH queried whether we could use the name 'claycrosstowncentregroup' Our website is still running but very little additional material has recently been added, but AK with the assistance of Paul Whitton hopes to rectify this in the near future.

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

The Clay Cross Parish Council has contacted AK to advise that thru NEDDC they will be taking over responsibility for the Parish Garden on Market Street. It is understood that NEDDC will be planting up the boxes with flowers from May this year. AK was concerned that there should be some community garden plants remaining in order to keep within the spirit of the purpose for which the funding was granted by Derbyshire County Council. Continuing the subject of community gardens JH mentioned the Kenning Park project which is now being looked at in more detail by the Parish Council. AK said that Councillor Mansbridge had updated him on the plans to make the Kenning Park more attractive to users and said there was a survey being included with the local Parish Update magazine which is due to be circulated to all homes within the parish and will be seeking residents views on the facilities they would like to see within the park.

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

There have been no new members joining since the December meeting. The current financial position is that we have paid for the December/January Newsletter but are not at the moment quite on target to be able to fund the next planned Newsletter by the end of this coming April.

## **7. Fundraising & future Social events**

The Christmas Market at the Social Centre on Market St. on 13 December was well attended and AK along with Ian Bexton ran a Tombola stall which raised almost £70 for the group funds. It was noted that this event had been better publicised in the town this year prior to the event and it seems likely this had contributed to the increased footfall.

AG said that the proprietress of the cafe in Market St Mall had put forward the idea of a summer social for the group utilising the Social Centre building. There was some discussion over what theme might be suitable for such a community event and that this idea should perhaps be looked at in more detail at the next meeting.

## **8. Member information exchange.**

DC advised that Clay Cross FC had been awarded Groundsman of the year and that the Club continued to have a lot of traffic to its website. AK advised that there would be a Gala this year in July which will be organised by the Parish Council and it is hoped that we will be able to organise a stall of some description to promote the group at this event.

AK also advised that the development on Derby Road was gathering momentum with regard to the initial groundworks in preparation for the pub/diner, fast food eatery and discount supermarket.

## **9. Meeting closed.**

For your diary planning the next three meeting dates are:

12 March – Previously diarised as 10 March but now rescheduled

14 April

12 May