

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 10th of May 2016 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Batemans Mill (JH),) Diana Yates (DY) Posh Inc, Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK), T Manfredi - Smiths Creamland Ices (TM),), Peter Yates -Junk & Disorderly (PY), Michelle Ball – Tesco (MB), Sue Smith – Tesco Community Champion (SS), David Spray – CX Methodist Church (DS), Joan Spray- CX Methodist Church (JS), Rev. Ann Anderson – CX Methodist Church (AA), Martin Roberts – Group Member and promotion officer (MR), Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SSm), Julie Marriott – Positive 4 Young People (JM), Christine Dearman- - Kenning Park Group (CD), Nina Gurling – Clay X Body Health Centre (NG)

1. Introductions and opening remarks Following introductions from all attendees MR gave an overview of where we are now explaining what had been achieved in the last two months in the relaunch campaign, notably the redesign of the Newsletter, the promotion of the drop in event on 21 April which had involved visiting 200 local businesses with a membership pack and distributing 800 Newsletters to the more recently developed residential areas. All of this brought in a footfall of around 35 people at the drop in event and has brought about engagement from our local Tesco store, two of the Churches on the High Street and the St Barnabas Centre at Danesmoor. We also now have an offer from Tesco of signage space on Bridge Street adjacent to the store car park and have had a constructive discussion about the creation of a town map and ways in which road and parking signage can be improved. Other ideas had also been put forward in the last few weeks including organising a litter pick, staging a pop up cinema and organising a Clay X Fest (Showcase event for businesses and groups in Clay X)

Apologies W Makinson – Clay Cross Rotary, Angela Gambetta – Clay Cross Post Office, Neil Burke – Smart PAT Testing

Minutes of the last meeting on 10 November 2015 had been circulated previously by email and in the absence of any comments or requested alterations were signed by JH as a true record.

2. New Members Joining St Bartholomew’s Church, Central Methodist Church, St Barnabas Centre, Sheffield ME and Fibromyalgia group, and Smart PAT Testing

3. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook – AK had received a reminder from Helen Firth at Wings regarding the next issue which had a copy deadline of 18 May. After discussion it was agreed we should send our next Newsletter out with the August/September issue. AK informed the meeting that the group’s website had been updated today and that the Churches together with thumbnail photographs, email details and/or website links were now shown on our WebPages. JH is our facebook administrator and can post additional member material accordingly.

4. Signage. DY suggested we should now ask our new members to share their vision of how they saw the Town and this community group developing. **Michelle Ball** (MB) for Tesco explained she had local roots in nearby Pilsley and was very pleased to take on the manager role at the Bridge Street store. (MB) would very much like to see Clay X as the centre of local community area attention and stressed her team’s desire to engage with the town and our group making particular reference to enlarging the Christmas evening event such that the whole town felt connected from the Churches on the High Street to the Tesco store on Bridge Street. MB pointed out that there were 350

colleagues within the Tesco store who could join our facebook. Reference was also made to current community involvement such as the hosting of visits from two local schools where pupils had been given the chance to go round the store's bakery and visit the deli counter including tasting some of the foods on offer, and the community room within the store which can be booked for use free of charge at the weekends.

Sue Smith (SS) explained about the carrier bag money which is available for community funding with noon on 3 June being the cut off date to apply for a 'Bags of Help' grant

Revd Ann Anderson (AA) who lives in nearby Tupton explained that their Church was an ageing community and that they were looking to the younger generation to expand their numbers. The Methodist Church on High St has a massive plot of land at the back in between the building and Smithy Brook Care facility, the intention is to develop this as a community garden with raised beds for community use and a children's play area.

Steve Smart (SSm) liked the idea of bringing everyone together and believed there was enough business to be had to allow us all to survive. His vision was one in which we all work together doing something for the people who live and work in the area.

Julie Marriott (JM) informed us about her work with 'Positive for Young People' in which this non profit making organisation had generated funding of over £1m, had helped over 3,000 people and 1,000 families. JM was born and bred in Clay Cross and now lived in neighbouring Tupton, she has had significant involvement with trying to save the old Clay Cross junior school on Market St.

Chris Dearman (CD) Kenning Park Group has recently moved here from Derby, is enjoying being part of the community and is particularly concerned about poor signage for Kenning Park which led her to join the Kenning Park committee. Currently the Park group are organising litter picks, trying to involve schools in activities and have had some seats for use in the park donated.

MR then brought the meeting back to the particular project of installing signs on Bridge Street at the two wooden frame sites which are within Tesco's jurisdiction. MB showed us a typical vinyl sign used for these hoardings and it was decided we should form a subcommittee to decide on the sign wording and obtain costings for producing the banner/sign with a report back to the next TCG meeting. It was agreed the subcommittee would be made up of Michelle Ball, Nina Gurling, Diana Yates and Martin Roberts.

5. Future Activities Peter Yates (PY) has agreed to be involved with the litter pick which has been arranged for Saturday 21 May between 12 o'clock and 1pm and will start at the Central Methodist Church and finish at the Bus Station. All persons who wish to join us should bring a litter picking tool, thick gloves and preferably a 'High Vi, DY has kindly agreed to dispose of the rubbish collected. Steve Smart (SSm) has agreed to head up the subcommittee for the Pop up Cinema; Steve informed us that he was a member of the BFI, that the St Barnabas centre was already in possession of the necessary projector and audio equipment and that he was familiar with the licensing laws regarding screening. Other members of the subcommittee include Julie Marriott, Jade Hendon, Sue Smith and AK

6. Date and Time of next Meeting It was suggested we might vary the dates and venues of future meetings but after consideration it was agreed that keeping to a set time place and date was probably overall more practical as to move things round could cause confusion amongst would be attendees. The next meeting will therefore take place on Tuesday 14 June, being the second Tuesday in the month and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.

7. Meeting closed – JH was thanked for allowing us the continued free use of her conference room for meetings.