

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 11th of October 2016 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Batemans Mill (JH), Diana Yates Posh Fitness & Coffee Bar (DY), Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK), Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SteveS), Martin Roberts – Group Member and promotion officer (MR), Kerry Roe – I want Pet Foods, Pru Williams – Catholic Church Clay X (PW), Barbara Parker – Local resident (BP), Warren Makinson – CX Rotary (WM)

1. Apologies L Manfredi - Smiths Creamland Ices (LM) , Julie Marriott – Positive 4 Young People (JM), Cheryle Berry – Clay X Rotary (CB), Neil Burke – Smart PAT testing, Nicole Murtagh – Tesco Community Champion (NM), Vanessa Palmer – Tesco Service Manager, Rev. Ann Anderson – CX Methodist Church (AA), Angela Gambetta – Clay X Post Office

Minutes of the last meeting on 13 September 2016 had been circulated previously by email and in the absence of any comments or requested alterations were signed by JH as a true record.

Matters Arising No matters arising that were not listed on the agenda

2. New Members Joining AK advised there had been no further members joining since the last meeting; however he had to report that Steve Hardman has ceased to be a member for family and health reasons. MR advised that he has some possible joiners in mind who he hopes to visit in the near future.

3. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook – The latest Newsletter has now been distributed MR has personally delivered the majority of the 1200 run ons to residential areas in Danesmoor, Coney Green and the Wimpey development off of Bridge St. A pdf copy of the Newsletter is also posted on our website. The group's Facebook page continues to be used for promotion purposes such as the forthcoming Pop up Cinema event at the St Barnabas Centre Danesmoor. KR commented that it wasn't entirely clear from his attendance at meetings what the group was about. AK commented that one of our prime aims was to raise awareness of what goods and services can be found in Clay X in order to encourage people from the surrounding areas of Wingerworth, Tupton, Ashover and North Wingfield to shop locally in our town. In addition we hope that by encouraging local economic activity that this will ultimately benefit the community with increased services and spending on the appearance of the area.

4. Report on financial position AK advised that we have approximately £1,780 of unrestricted group funds in hand and that we were in a position to fund the recently published Wings Newsletter which has cost £843 inclusive of 1200 Newsletter run-ons..

5. Report on project activity. Signage - MR brought us up to date with the proposed town centre map sign which is planned for the entrance to the Tesco store. MR had created what he hoped was a final draft of how the sign would look and copies were circulated for members to consider. MR has spent some considerable time liaising with Ultimate Signs in Hasland regarding various drafts of the map and has finally arrived at the version circulated. MR asked the meeting for authorisation to proceed and finalise this version which Ultimate have said they can manufacture and install for

£300. A vote was held which unanimously agreed that MR proceed to complete the sign as per the version circulated with the addition of the words 'Free Parking'

Pop up Cinema SteveS updated us on this event; he has 2 adverts paid for on the night which will then be shown 4 times before the screening starts. Steve will also obtain some pop corn and pick 'n mix to sell before the event and the bar will be open run by his staff. Volunteers for helping prior to the screening are welcome; DY is to help with the set up as will Nicola Murtagh Community Champion from Tesco.

6. Future Activities The **Psychic night** will take place on 3 November as planned and DY and JH asked that anyone wishing to volunteer to help arrived by 7pm.

Clay Cross has Talent – there was no further update to report at the present time

Christmas late evening shopping event The subcommittee of BP, AA, NM and AK met on 21 September and agreed an approximate timetable of events. The Rev'd Law has said he will organise the children's competition involving the nativity scene figures, all three local ministers will participate in the Christmas singing event inside the Methodist Church, and SmithyBrook view extra care facility is willing to host the Ashover brass band and carol singers from around 7.15 onwards. The Clay X Rotary Club will provide a Santa Claus who will be based outside the Old English Pub and Tesco are going to provide the community room and some refreshments at their Bridge St store to conclude the evening. BP produced a first draft of a poster promoting the event and subject to some acknowledgement that the event was a Town Centre Group event the poster was agreed to need little more adding to it. It is also intended that the children should be given a battery operated candle on leaving the Methodist Church which will add to the excitement and general Christmas atmosphere. We also aim to bring as many shops on board as possible and will be distributing flyers and posters nearer the time to publicise and encourage as many people as we can to be part of it.

7. Member information exchange - No further business to add at this point

8. Date and Time of next Meeting The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 November, being the second Tuesday in the month and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.