

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 12th of July 2016 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Batemans Mill (JH), Diana Yates Posh Fit & Coffee Bar (DY), Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK), L Manfredi - Smiths Creamland Ices (LM) , Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SteveS), Julie Marriott – Positive 4 Young People (JM), Nicole Murtagh – Tesco Community Champion (NM), Vanessa Palmer – Tesco (VP), Mary James – Old English Pub (MJ).

1. Apologies Rev. Ann Anderson – CX Methodist Church (AA), Martin Roberts – Group Member and promotion officer (MR), Cheryle Berry – Clay X Rotary (CB), Peter Yates -Junk & Disorderly (PY), Angela Gambetta – Clay X PO (AG), G & J Hairstylists, Steve Hardman – HR Consultancy (SH), Michelle Ball – Tesco (MB)

Minutes of the last meeting on 14 June 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.

2. New Members Joining AK advised there had been no further members joining since the last meeting. The total membership now stands at 41.

3. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook – AK reminded the meeting that the copy deadline for the next Wings issue due out at the end of July was this Friday 15 July. JH requested that any news or member updates for this next issue be sent to her as soon as possible contact. jadeus24@yahoo.co.uk . AK is in contact with Helen Firth of Wings and will help to co-ordinate the submission of material for the Newsletter deadline especially that needed from new directory subscribers. VP confirmed our Facebook page was now being accessed without difficulty.

4. Report on project activity. Signage. DY confirmed that the banner was still going ahead. VP advised that the proposed map sign on the front entrance was still with their property department who had asked that the size of the intended sign be submitted. AK agreed to action this request. **Pop up Cinema** SteveS advised the advertising program was ready to be launched starting with a teaser ad thru the Wings publication. The online poll to select the film will start on 1 August and close on 31 August with the film being announced on 1 September and the box office opening at the same time. It was also planned to have some 3 or 4 stalls at the event with the doors opening at 6pm or sooner. The film is normally shown straight thru without an interval.

5. Future Activities The **Christmas late evening shopping event** was discussed. With regard to the lights switch on it was suggested there might be a competition for which the prize would be pressing the button to switch on the lights. It was agreed that we needed a band to play at the Christmas event and that because of the size of the town and the intention to try and connect event activities between the High Street and up to the Tesco store it would be good if two bands could play.

Tesco update

VP informed the meeting that Nicole was the newly appointed Community Champion and that the store was keen to be involved with community matters. AK said he would email a member application form to VP so that the store could officially become a member of the group.

6. Member information exchange Market Street Speeding DY flagged the problem of speeding motorists on the stretch of Market Street immediately outside her shop and was very concerned that if not curtailed a member of the public would suffer serious/fatal injury. AK echoed this concern and said that there was a similar problem at the top end of Market Street. SteveS said he had contact with the local PCSO and suggested we take our concerns to the police at Danesmoor.

St Barnabas Centre SteveS informed the meeting about a brass band concert this Saturday at the St Barnabas Centre and AK suggested that he forward him details so the a round robin email promotion could be sent to all town centre group members.

Town Centre CCTV Mary James from the Old English Public House on Market Street joined the meeting at this point an expressed concern over the lack of a functioning CCTV system in the town centre which if renewed would help make the town a safer place. The existing cameras are we understand outdated and no longer in use and she had flagged this point with the Parish Council who in turn had suggested she approach our group to see if together with the support of the pub watch organisation we might be able to obtain funding to update the system. JM advised that there was a 'Community Priority Programme' in existence and suggested that contact be made with the Parish Council to see if any sum of funding might be available from this source. JM went on to say that encouraging the installation of CCTV may link into the local government concept of 'Thriving Communities'.

7. Date and Time of next Meeting The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 9 August, being the second Tuesday in the month and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.