

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 8th of November 2016 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Batemans Mill (JH), Diana Yates Posh Fitness & Coffee Bar (DY), Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK), Martin Roberts – Group Member and promotion officer (MR), Pru Williams – Catholic Church Clay X (PW),), Nicole Murtagh – Tesco Community Champion (NM), Vanessa Palmer – Tesco Service Manager), Revd Richard Law – St Bartholomew’s Church (RL), Suzanne Smith – Silver Web Holistic Centre (SSm), Christine Dearman – Kenning Park Group (CD), Tim Smith – Graffiti Hair (TS)

1. Apologies), Kerry Roe – I want Pet Foods, Barbara Parker – Local resident (BP), Rev. Ann Anderson – CX Methodist Church (AA), S Toon – Stephen Toon Hearing Centre, G & J Hairstylists, Nina Gurling – Body Health Centre, Bryan Harrison – NEDDC. As JH was slightly delayed in attending AK started the meeting in the intervening period.

Minutes of the last meeting on 11 October 2016 had been circulated previously by email and in the absence of any comments or requested alterations were signed by AK 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. MR advised that he has visited a number of potential joiners who all showed interest in the group and its objectives.

3. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook – The website has been updated with the feature relating to the latest sign installation along with news of the forthcoming NEDDC business network event on 7 December at the Wingerworth Pub 8am to 10am. MR has been posting details on our Facebook page of a number of businesses who will be keeping their shops open on 1 December and this information has also been shared to the Tesco community page. The Derbyshire Times have last week published the feature in respect of our new signage.

4. Report on financial position AK advised that we have approximately £830 of unrestricted group funds in hand having paid for the last Newsletter £843 and the new Tesco sign costing £300

5. Report on project activity. Signage – Following the decision at our previous meeting to proceed with the proposed map sign outside Tesco the installation was completed last month and the Tesco sign at the mini roundabout approach to the store has also been amended to show the direction for town centre car parking.

Pop up Cinema This was a successful and enjoyable evening’s entertainment at Danesmoor on 15 October, the screen and sound reproduction were excellent and the venue worked well for a local gathering of people. It was agreed that such an event was a positive way of profiling the St Barnabas Centre and it was hoped we would be able to stage another similar event in the New Year. SSm told us that the village of Newton runs a publicised program of films which enables cinema goers to mix and match the films they want to see.

Psychic Night – This was held at Batemans Mill on 3 November organised by DY and JH, and there was a good turnout. Daryl supplied his services without charge and the total funds raised came to £411.

6. Future Activities

Clay Cross has Talent – CD told us there are 12 acts taking part and that organiser Cheryle Berry of Clay Cross Rotary Club was optimistic about the event. JH is to share the details of the event via our Facebook page.

Christmas late evening shopping event/ Christmas Celebration Thursday 1 December - MR updated us with the planned activities which start with the Methodist church gathering and singing at 6pm and then move out across the town with the band via the Mall to outside the Old English where Santa together with the mini roundabout and the tin can alley will be. Posh Fit will be open and have a Santa's grotto and the Smthybrook Extra Care facility will host a display by Clay Cross Art group. RL is running the children's competition and showed us some of the biblical characters that are to be used. The competition entry form will be available on the night with the competition prizes being awarded at the church service taking place at 10am on Sunday 18th December. A leaflet for promoting the event is being printed by Steve Smart at St Barnabas and DY has also produced a promotional card detailing what is happening on the evening which is to be circularised to the local primary schools. MR will organise the distribution of the leaflets and posters to the public and businesses respectively.

7. Member information exchange - VP updated us on the Tesco store plans for the evening of 1 December; currently there are 4 stalls who will be standing in the Tesco Car Park which is to have the lights turned up for the event to improve the attractiveness and there will be singing by Tesco staff to help create a seasonal atmosphere. Also on the night there will be a food bank collection within the store which will help to emphasise the community nature of the whole proceedings.

RL informed us that he would be leading a short service in an act of remembrance on Armistice Day 11 November at the Danesmoor war memorial on Pilsley Road starting at 10.50am. There is also to be a Wedding Fayre at the St Barnabas Centre 28 January 2017 to showcase business in the local area and the Centre is looking for Clay Cross and surrounding area businesses to have a promotional stand.

CD updated us on the funding application to Tesco by the Kenning Park Group which is in the top 3 of causes to benefit from the Tesco Bags of cash initiative. Voting inside Tesco stores is now underway to determine the overall ranking and any ambiguity which previously existed regarding where the Kenning Park project was situated has now been clarified by heading the voting station with the description 'Clay Cross Kenning Park'

8. Date and Time of next Meeting It was agreed there will be no meeting in December with the next meeting taking place on 10 January 2017, being the second Tuesday in the month and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.