

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 11th of April 2017 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Bateman’s Mill Hotel (JH), Martin Roberts – Group Member and promotion officer (MR) Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK) Diana Yates - Posh Fitness & Coffee Bar (DY), Louise Manfredi – Smiths Creamland Ices (LM) Barbara Parker – Local resident (BP), Andy Watterson East Midlands Chamber of Commerce (AW), David Hancock – NEDDC Council (Tupton Ward) (DH), Ross Shipman –Local Resident (RS), Carla Marie Fletcher - Sapphire of the Stars (CM), Nicole Murtagh – Tesco Community Champion (NM), William Armitage – NEDDC Council (Ashover Ward), Stephen Toon , Kate Toon – S Toon Hearing Centre , Pru Williams – Catholic Church Clay X

1. Apologies, Suzanne Smith – Elvaston Therapy and Silver Web Centre (SSm), Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SteveS), Cheryl Berry – Clay X Rotary, Andy Hibberd – Leading Imagery

Minutes of the last meeting on 14 March 2017 had been circulated previously by email and were signed by JH as a true record.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising that were not listed on the agenda

2. Current Projects

Easter Egg Hunt – The competition started today after MR placed all the decorated eggs in various local shop windows and distributed boxes around the town to collect the entry forms. Over 30 prizes have been generously donated by the local business community with the event itself being well publicised by posters, facebook and our website.

Proposed CCTV reinstatement project - MR and AK attended a Street Scene meeting with the Parish Council (PC) last week to discuss this proposal, and the PC have requested more specific information about the ongoing maintenance costs that are likely to be incurred once the system is installed. It was agreed we would report back to them with the results of our research on these costs for their consideration as we believe that although we might be in a position to raise the necessary capital funding required to carry out the CCTV reinstatement, the PC, as a well established local government body, are better placed than us to continue the ongoing responsibility for annual maintenance and any required regulation compliance. The sub - committee is due to meet tomorrow in order to progress this research and we will then write to the Parish Council detailing the costings and ask if they are able in principle to take on this commitment if the cameras were to be reinstated.

3. New Members Joining AK advised that Andy Hibberd of Leading Imagery photographers had joined as had Caron Bond of the Vintage community tearooms and Matthew Bond of Short & Sweet, chocolates truffles and wedding favours.

4. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook – MR and BP have today distributed around Coney Green and the former Biwater area 1,000 of the April/May Newsletter run-ons which are the centre page insert of the recently issued Wings magazine. The website continues to be updated for new members joining and with minutes, agendas and forthcoming events. Our Facebook page is now well

used and anyone wishing to post material should submit this to DY or JH. As noted previously it is also important to share likes as this increases the coverage of group activities to the rest of the community.

5. Report on financial position AK advised that after taking account of the Wings bill for the latest Newsletter we currently have just over £1,300 of group funds in hand.

6. Future Activities – The possibility of a litter pick was mentioned but not pursued further at the moment. DY was keen to organise a fun event and suggested there be a sub-committee formed to look at possibilities. Membership of the sub-committee is open to all and will meet initially at the Posh coffee bar on Wednesday 19 April at 3pm.

7. Member information exchange – MR advised there had been a good turnout for the protest staged outside Lloyds Bank on High Street yesterday following the bank's announcement of its branch closure plans. It was agreed that this will be an inconvenience to many local users of the bank who will now have to travel to Chesterfield to carry out face to face banking business. The Derbyshire Times (DT) photographer attended the protest and the pictures of protestors along with our comments on the closure have now been posted on the DT website and are expected to appear in tomorrow's hardcopy edition of this local paper.

AW advised he is intending on running a retail crime workshop in Clay Cross which would be a 2 hour session updating traders on how shoplifters operate and the preventative measures that can be put in place. A date and venue is yet to be agreed and will be circularised once known.

8. Date and Time of next Meeting The next meeting will take place as publicised in the recent Newsletter on Tuesday 11 May, and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.

Following discussion subsequent meetings are to be held on the last Thursday of the month starting with 29 June.