

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held: Thursday 24th of August 2017 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Diana Yates - Posh Fitness & Coffee Bar (DY), Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK), Jess Maidens – Tesco Community Champion (JM), Barbara Parker – Local resident (BP), Pru Williams – Local resident (PW), Louise Manfredi – Smiths Creamland Ices (LM), Amanda Holden – Amanda Holden Properties (AH), Lorraine Collier – Clay X Post Office and convenience stores (LC), Suzanne Smith – Silver Web Centre (SSm), Angela Gambetta – Poppys Cafe (AG), Bex Bailey – local labour party, (BB), Claire Glazebrook – The Hub at Gladstone (CG), Heather Marriott – The Hub at Gladstone (HM)

Apologies, Jade Hendon – Bateman’s Mill Hotel (JH), Carla Marie Fletcher - Sapphire of the Stars (CMF) , Rev’d Ann Anderson – Clay X Methodist Church (AA), Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SteveS) Stephen Toon (ST) , Kate Toon (KT) – S Toon Hearing Centre, Andy Wilcockson – Bryan James Insurance (AW), G & J Hairstylists, , Wm Armitage – NEDDC Council (Ashover Ward), Richard Law – St Bartholomew’s Church (RL), Warren Makin – Clay X Rotary Club (WM), Kerry Roe – I want Pet Foods (KR)

Minutes of the last meeting on 27 July 2017 had been circulated previously by email and subject to the Clay Cross on the Beach item, which it was agreed would be looked at as the last agenda item, were signed by DY as a true record.

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

2. Welcome to Ms Bex Bailey of the local Labour party After round the table introductions BB explained she had been a labour party member for some time and worked for a women’s charity. In her spare time she is a campaigner for the homeless and for those affected by alcohol and mental health issues. One of her main aims is to try to meet with as many people as possible to have an inclusive view of the local community. Particular issues are to improve broadband, keep the job centre open and generally talk more about the Midlands. The Lloyds bank closure and hospital bed closure were also important and given that we are a very well connected area the point was made that we need investment here. BB then sought comments from members and BP observed that although a number of new homes have been built and more are planned, that infrastructure support is needed and that the developments did not appear to be far sighted enough. SSm said the A61 road needs investigating because of traffic problems which are particularly acute when the M1 motorway is closed. DY said facilities and activities for young people were limited and AH said we should consider the 15 to 17 year olds particularly with regard to encouraging apprenticeships.

3. Current Issues and Projects – Entry for Derbyshire Times Business Awards AH explained that she was in the process of compiling a written submission regarding the Innovation Award on behalf of the group, and a short questionnaire as prepared by AH was circulated to obtain suitable material such as details of business success stories in the last 12 months. AH also said she would email ideas to member businesses if they wished to enter their own business for the awards.

Clay Cross on the Beach – JM said she planned to be on site from 6 am on the Friday and would have a minimum of 2 to 3 Tesco staff there all day and that she will provide two gazebos for use as a First Aid post and as a site control point. An overnight security rota was in the process of being worked out from the volunteers who have come forward, the purpose being to protect the site from when it closed on Friday afternoon to Saturday morning when activity recommenced. BP and JM are to give leaflets out in Tesco to promote the event and the Stan the Starfish competition started today. The adjacent Iceland store is being supportive by providing some free soft drinks and following

promotion by KT there have been many donations of prizes from the local community for the Tombola stall. AK confirmed that KR has the play sand delivery organised for early on the Friday morning and that he (KR) will bring the artificial grass at the same time and will organise the cutting of the existing grass area prior to the Friday morning. BP confirmed that the bales of straw for containing the sand and delineating the donkey ride area would also be arriving early on Friday morning. Prop items which include the beach wind break, which will be used as a back drop to create a beach feel and photograph board, as sourced by DY, and decorative bunting as produced and donated by PW are all ready for use on the day. AK confirmed that the necessary car park closure notices as approved by NEDDC had been displayed in various prominent positions around the car park and that he and the secretary Ian Bexton had personally gone round the immediate residential area of Waterloo Street and Market Street on the morning of Sunday 6 August distributing leaflets publicising the event and advising that the car park was due to be closed, requesting that affected residents park elsewhere for the two days concerned. The resident feedback obtained during this exercise evidenced that there was already considerable local awareness about the event and that it had the support of the local community. LM confirmed that one of their ice cream van's will be on site for both days and JM confirmed that the local St John Ambulance Group were covering the first aid post.

Clay Cross Christmas Celebration Event - A date of 1st December was put forward and it was agreed we should contact the Parish Council to find out if any of the light switch on could happen at the same time. AK agreed to contact the Parish Clerk accordingly.

4. New Members Joining AK advised that the Hub @ Gladstone had now joined the group as a full member including the news letter subscription and Heather Marriott and Claire Glazebrook of the Hub who were present this evening were formally welcomed as new members.

5. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook The October /November edition of the Newsletter will go to press towards the end of September and Steve Smart of the St Barnabas Centre has agreed to write the editorial. The website is updated as new members join and The Hub at Gladstone has already had an entry made. Facebook continues to be popular for updating followers on the 'here and now' of group activities.

6. Report on financial position AK produced a draft receipts and payments account for the period 1 April 2017 to 14 August showing a deficiency of £1,082. That said we have now paid for 3 of our 4 annual newsletters within the first 5 months of this year and also spent funds on the forthcoming Clay Cross on the Beach event; hence the negative cash movement at this point is more down to timing. The current position to 14 August shows bank and cash balances of £1,613.10 of which £315 is specifically allocated to the Clay Cross on the Beach event. There are a number of stalls planned for the day including Tombola and all the takings on the day will go towards group funds

7. Member information exchange – AK passed on thanks from the Rev'd Richard Law for the support he received at his Church's recent cream tea event which took place on Saturday 12 August.

8. 27 July 2017 - Clay Cross on the Beach Minute item – BP was critical of the reported minutes as they did not in her view properly reflect how the issue which affected MR was handled by AK and DY. Some robust discussion followed and ultimately it was acknowledged that the original minute be treated as expanded by the above detail to emphasise this point.

9. Date and Time of next Meeting The next meeting will take place on **Thursday** 28 September and will incorporate our AGM and be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.