

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Thursday 29th of June 2017 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

Jade Hendon – Bateman’s Mill Hotel (JH), Suzanne Smith – Elvaston Therapy and Silver Web Centre (SSm), Martin Roberts – Group Member and promotion officer (MR) Andrew King - Lilleker & King (AK) Diana Yates - Posh Fitness & Coffee Bar (DY),) Barbara Parker – Local resident (BP), Jess Maidens – Tesco Community Champion (JM), Stephen Toon (ST) , Kate Toon (KT) – S Toon Hearing Centre, Andy Wilcockson – Bryan James Insurance (AW), Haroldine Lockwood – Johnston Press (HL), Andrew Ferrill - Johnston Press (AF), Rev’d Richard Law – St Barnabas Church (RL), Amanda Holden – Amanda Holden Properties (AH)

1. Apologies, David Hancock – NEDDC Council (Tupton Ward) (DH), Ross Shipman –Local Resident (RS), Carla Marie Fletcher - Sapphire of the Stars (CMF) , Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SteveS), Louise Manfredi – Smiths Creamland Ices (LM), Rev’d Ann Anderson – Clay X Methodist Church (AA), Angela Gambetta – Poppy’s cafe (AG). Wm Armitage – NEDDC Council (Ashover Ward), G & J Hairstylists, Pru Williams – Local resident, Neil Burke – Smart PAT Testing

Minutes of the last meeting on 9 May 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. 2017 Business Awards – Haroldine Lockwood introduced herself as having worked for the Derbyshire Times for 35 years in events management and that her role was to make events better and get more businesses involved. A promotional leaflet was handed out concerning the Derbyshire Times Business Awards which will take place on Thursday 9th November at the Casa Hotel in Chesterfield with the closing date for entries being 28 September. All local businesses are encouraged to consider entering as it will raise awareness and the profile of your organisation and in addition no business from Clay Cross has previously entered. HL emphasised that the awards are judged purely on content and that Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism was a new category of award that had been introduced last year. An awards workshop for businesses who would like help with their entry is being held at the Casa Hotel on 6th July, 9.30am to 11.30am.

3. Current Projects

Lloyds Bank closure - MR continues to have contact with Lloyds Bank regarding the mobile unit which requires a flat car parking area to operate from.

Clay Cross on the Beach – BP reported that the Fun Committee meets every Wednesday at Posh and that MR has joined the group. Permission for the Car Park Closure opposite the 3 Horse Shoes bar and Restaurant in Market Street is expected to be formally received early in July. Attractions booked include: Donkeys, Hook a Duck, Candy Floss and Doughnut stall, Ice Cream van, Photo Board, Star Wars characters, Psychic tent, and mini fairground. 4,000 promotional leaflets have been printed for covering local primary schools and the town, Wings have agreed to run a promotional editorial in their next edition and plans are well in hand for obtaining the play sand and creating a Teddy Bear’s picnic area. KT appealed for prizes for the tombola stall and suggested chocolate products would be very acceptable.

Proposed promotion/presentation at Coney Green Business Centre – AW advised there were 70 businesses established at Coney Green and that promotion of the group and its activities via the common parts of the building would be a way of raising awareness and getting the group noticed. MR has had a draft promotional leaflet prepared by group member Steve Smart and subject to the centre manager's permission the intention would be for AW and MR to have a stand in a common area such as the conservatory. AW believed the promotion would be best run prior to the school holidays, the main message to potential members being what the group is about and how people can benefit.

4. New Members Joining AK advised that new members were Mountain Gremlin Games from North Wingfield, who specialise in board games, the new Clay Cross Post Office as operating from the Premier store on High Street, Harry Therabandos – Leon's Chip Shop on the corner of Broadley's/Market Street and Amanda Holden Properties Letting and Estate Agents at 31 Market Street who had all joined since the last meeting. Our membership now totals 55 and 30 of these have full membership as Wings Newsletter advertisers.

5. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook The next Newsletter is the August /September edition which is being co-ordinated by MR who is encouraging members to submit their advertising copy sooner rather than later. JH will write the editorial. The website continues to be regularly updated by group member Paul Whitton for new members and for event news with Facebook posts being uploaded by either DY, JH or Steve Smart. The number of followers on our Facebook page continues to grow.

6. Report on financial position AK produced a draft receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 March 2017 and for the period 1 April 2017 to 24 June. After taking account of an outstanding Wings Newsletter invoice the surplus indicated by the draft for the year to March 2017 amounts to £235. The current position to 24 June shows a net outflow of cash of £608 which is mainly due to the timing and cost of the 4 annual Newsletters that are published having produced 2 Newsletters since April already. Bank and cash balances currently total £2,087 of which £130 is specifically allocated to Clay Cross on the Beach

7. Annual General Meeting – AK explained the purpose of this meeting was to receive the Annual Report and to elect/re-elect the honorary officers.

It was agreed that we would hold the AGM on 28 September and that this would take place immediately prior to the usual monthly meeting.

8. Member information exchange – JM advised that Paula Painter PA to the Police and Crime Commissioner would be visiting Tesco at their Community room on 14 July to meet and greet members of the local community; all interested persons are invited to attend. DY advised that 8 July was Clay Cross Gala day and that afternoon teas would be served from the new Brett Club premises in Sharley Park. RL advised that St Bartholomew's church was holding a cream tea at the church on 12 August 2017, more details available on their website. MR advised that he had contacted our local MP Lee Rowley and that he plans to attend our next monthly meeting.

9. Date and Time of next Meeting The next meeting will take place on **Thursday** 27 July and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.