

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the last meeting held

Tuesday 9th of May 2017 at the Batemans Mill Hotel

Attendees

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), David Hancock – NEDDC Council (Tupton Ward) (DH), Ross Shipman –Local Resident (RS), Carla Marie Fletcher - Sapphire of the Stars (CMF), Jess Maidens – Tesco Community Champion (JM), Pru Williams – Catholic Church Clay X, Rev'd Ann Anderson – Clay X Methodist Church (AA), PCSO Shaw and PCSO Disney – local Police, Praveen Damodhar – Clay X Post Office and convenience stores (PD), Angela Gambetta (AG) and Marie Edwards (ME) – Poppy's Cafe, Cheryle Berry – Clay X Rotary,

1. Apologies, Jade Hendon – Bateman's Mill Hotel (JH), Suzanne Smith – Elvaston Therapy and Silver Web Centre (SSm), Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre (SteveS), Louise Manfredi – Smiths Creamland Ices (LM), Stephen Toon, Kate Toon – S Toon Hearing Centre, Julia Coombs – Wilkins Vardy, David and Joan Spray – Clay X Methodist Community Garden, Warren Makinson – Clay X Rotary, Nina Gurling – Clay X Body Health Centre

In the absence of Jade Hendon Diana Yates chaired the meeting

Minutes of the last meeting on 11 April 2017 had been circulated previously by email and were signed by DY 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 concluded with the distribution of 30 prizes, all of which were donated by local businesses. There were over 150 entrants and the whole event received good publicity thru Facebook and was also noted in the Derbyshire Times. MR thanked Barbara Parker for her assistance with the project particularly in the distribution of flyers promoting the event.

Lloyds Bank closure MR has had contact with Lloyds Bank executive complaints office explaining that many local residents were disappointed to see the closure and made the point that this comes at a time when many new houses are planned for Clay X together with an expansion of the number of light industrial units. The bank indicated that due to the representations made consideration was being given to making the mobile bank available for 2 days per week. The mobile unit requires a flat car parking area to operate from and possibly the Market Street Car Park would suit, otherwise the car park adjacent to the bus station and new shopping development is a flat area.

Proposed CCTV reinstatement project - AK reported that the sub-committee had met on 12 April being attended by Andy Watterson (AW) from the East Midlands Chamber, Cheryle Berry, Councillors Hancock and Armitage as well as AK. With the aid of a computer AW gave the committee a virtual tour of the town and its existing infra structure and explained where cameras would be best sited and which type would be best for that position. AW provided a contact at Matlock Town Hall who was involved with the recent Matlock CCTV upgrade and subsequent to the meeting a visit has been arranged which will take place on Thursday 25 May in order to examine their system and gather more information on costings. This will be attended by AK and DH who will then report back to the sub-committee and ultimately to the Parish Council. In addition to the Matlock contact CB provided details of the contact for Worksop Town centre Manager who would be prepared to come

to Clay X, walk around the town and give advice or allow us to visit him and see the cameras in Worksop.

3. New Members Joining AK advised that Bon Appetite, a cafe on Market Street and The Old English Pub also on Market Street had recently joined as members of the group. There have also been two existing members who have now upgraded to full membership as Wings Newsletter advertisers.

4. Newsletter, Website update and Facebook The next Newsletter is the June /July edition which is being co-ordinated by MR who is encouraging members to submit their advertising copy sooner rather than later. The website continues to be regularly updated by group member Paul Whitton with Facebook posts being uploaded by either DY, JH or Steve Smart. We now have 900 followers on our Facebook page.

5. Report on financial position AK advised that we have now transferred the £197.55 of remaining get growing project money to the Clay X Methodist Community Garden and after paying the Wings bill we currently have around £1,900 of group funds in hand.

6. Future Activities – Clay X on the beach. The plan is to hold this event on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd September on the car park area opposite the Three Horseshoes, Bryan Harrison, economic development officer of NEDDC is supportive of the project and is helping to obtain the necessary permission for formal closure of the required part of the car park. CMF of the Fun Committee provided an update on planned activities which include Donkey rides, sandcastle competitions, Punch & Judy, Rides and Face Painter. DY advised that pupils from Tupton Hall School will design the poster promoting the event and that it was also planned to have stalls. The committee will meet each Wednesday at Posh to progress the organising of the event. PCSO Disney said she would come along to this event, if available, in order to meet with members of the community and talk about her work.

7. Member information exchange – JM explained she is the new Tesco community champion whilst Nicole Murtagh is on maternity leave. JM said she had been involved with the 'Bags of Help' funding scheme which is all about benefitting the community and said that the enquiry re funding for the CCTV project should be re-submitted as the equipment would have an overall community benefit. RS mentioned that there was community funding thru the newly opened 6 Halts Pub/Diner. PD asked where the proposed CCTV cameras would be sited and it was explained that the locations were on both Market Street and High Street to give maximum town centre coverage.

AA reported on the successful opening of the Clay Cross Methodist Community Garden on Easter Saturday when over 100 people attended. The project itself would not have happened had it not been for the Tesco 'Bags of Help' funding which had been brought to her attention at a Town Centre Group meeting by the Tesco community team. In addition to the Tesco funding the garden project had obtained funding from the group of churches Clay X Methodists belong to and this will enable a 'Potting Shed Cafe' to be opened. AA was keen to get more people to use the garden and stressed that it was open to all members of the community.

Christmas event AK mentioned the need to consider a date and timing, Thursday 30th November appears suitable and it was suggested we contact the Parish Council to find out when the light switch on will be to see if we could coincide the two events.

8. Date and Time of next Meeting The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 29 June** and will be held at Bateman's Mill Hotel with a 6pm start.

