

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the meeting held: Wednesday 27 March 2019 at the Bateman's Mill Hotel

Attendees: Andrew King – Lilleker and King (AK), Diana Yates – Posh Fitness and Coffee Bar (DY), Andy Hibberd – Leading Imagery (AH) Amanda Holden – Amanda Holden Properties (AHo), Angela Gambetta – Poppy's Cafe (AG), Louise Manfredi (LM) – Smiths Creamland Ices, Rev Richard Law – St Bartholomew's Church (RL), Adrian Berry – Sims Financial Services (AB) & founder of Derbyshire Mavericks.

Apologies: Jade Hendon – Bateman's Mill Hotel (JH), Cheryle Berry (CB) – Clay Cross Rotary Club, Warren Makinson (WM) – Clay Cross Rotary Club, Nicole Murtagh – Tesco Community, Neil Burke – PAT Testing, Clay Cross Parish Council, Steve Smart – St Barnabas Centre.

2. Minutes of last meeting was held on 21st November, prior to the Christmas Celebration Event were not made up as only a few members attended and did not warrant minutes recording. The Event was discussed at this meeting.

3. Reports –Clay Cross Town Centre Christmas Event – 6th December 2018 – appeared to be successful once again in getting people into Clay Cross. This year there was also an Artisan Market and Santa's Grotto hosted at Posh Fitness and Coffee Bar. The people attended well at St Bartholomew's Church, outside the Olde English and in the Smithybrook Care Facility and then appeared to leave. The question is how do we keep retention of people in Clay Cross. RL suggested that the music and carol singing be shorter at the areas other than the church, which was positively received. It was also suggested there should be other attractions in the town centre such as the Lorries, Fire Service and possibilities of a Marching band. AH will liaise with the Fire Station and AG with the marching band organisers and NM/Tesco for the lorries. Also it was discussed the possibility of making the next Christmas Event further into December to avoid being too close to the Tesco and Parish Council Christmas Events.

4. Current Issues and Projects – Clay Cross on the Beach 2019 – it was discussed that a provisional date of Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August might be something to plan for. However, it was discussed that there was a poor intake of CXTCG members helping with the event, Considering the numbers of members there was only a handful of members that supported the event along with friends, family and clients of the members who participated. AH suggested that there be a walk round the businesses of members and ask how they will help the event in 2019 – in the way of promoting, carrying out tasks and jobs on the days of the events. There could be a possibly of a creation of an email to send to members asking how they intend to support the event with a deadline for a response.

5. New Members Joining – Mathew Bollands – C4 Church on Market Street. Adrian Berry – Sims Financial Services & Derbyshire Mavericks.

6. Newsletter, website update and facebook – all members to please message the CXTCG messenger on the CXTCG facebook page if they need anything sharing.

7. Report on financial position – AK circulated a draft receipts and payments account for the period to 14 February 2019 showing net cash funds at that date of £2,119.54 after allowing for bills payable of £600 in respect of the April/May Wings Newsletter.

8. Member information exchange – There has been correspondence re some form of Heritage fund to upgrade High Street's in North East Derbyshire. This is quite symbolic to our High Street in Clay Cross, as this gives an image of the Gateway to Clay Cross. It was discussed that there be a campaign to smarten our High Street.

There is to be a new development for the Sharley Park Leisure Centre near to the original site. This is good news for the Community as it will be a Health and Well being centre to cater for all the local families.

AG mentioned that they have lost custom since the opening of the new McDonalds in Clay Cross and would also like to know if there would be any thought on revamping Broadleys area.

Derbyshire Mavericks, a business network group will be meeting on Wednesday 16th May at Posh Fitness and Coffee Bar, either contact Adrian Berry, Sims Financial Services or keep a look on the facebook pages related to this business and CXTCG.

9. Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 24th April 2019, Bateman's Mill Hotel, Old Tupton, 6pm.