

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the meeting held: Tuesday 12 November 2019 at the Bateman's Mill Hotel, Old Tupton

Attendees: Andrew King – formerly of Lilleker and King (AK), Sarah Wilson – Tesco (SW), Councillor David Rossiter – Clay Cross Parish Council and Chair of Kenning Park Group
Councillor Maggie Jones – Clay Cross Parish Council and North East Derbyshire District Council (Clay Cross South), Mr Jones – Clay Cross resident

Apologies: Jade Hendon – Bateman's Mill Hotel (JH), Nina Gurling – Body Health (NG), Neil Burke – Smart PAT Testing, L Manfredi – Smiths Creamland Ices (LM), Amanda Holden – Hygge Emporium (AH), Neil Jenkins – N Jenkins and Sons Ltd (NJ), Karen Tait – The Hub at Gladstone (KT), Ian Bexton – Executive Officer (IB), Kate and Stephen Toon, Stephen Toon Hearing Centre, Dan Brooks – Williams Wealth Consultancy (DB)

Councillor Jones and Councillor Rossiter introduced themselves to the meeting and explained that they had come to explain to us about the VE Day 75th anniversary celebrations which will take place between 8th and 10th May 2020. This event is expanded upon in member information exchange at 8 below

2. Minutes of last meeting held on Wednesday 25 September 2019 have been circulated previously by email and were signed by AK as a true record.

3. Current Issues and Projects –Clay Cross Christmas Celebration Event Thursday 5 December –

The double decker Playbus, which came to our Clay Cross on the Beach event in the summer, has been booked to attend our Christmas event from 4pm on Thursday 5 December and will park close to the Old English public house on Market Street.

At 6pm Sharley Park School have agreed to sing Christmas songs for our Christmas event and the singing will start at Market Street Mall and be accompanied by Ashover Brass Band. We also plan to then sing with the band outside the Old English Public house on Market Street and will conclude the singing at Smithybrook extra care facility on Market Street.

Tesco will hold its Christmas event in the Tesco car park between 3pm and 8pm on Friday 22 November and Clay Cross Parish Council will hold its Christmas Market event at the Social Centre on Saturday 30 November 10am to 2pm

4. New Members Joining – John Cannon of Cannon Events a running and walking events organiser and an ARC approved running club has now joined the group

5. Newsletter, website update and facebook – It was agreed we will be in the December issue of Wings and all members who have advertisements are asked to advise AK andrew@andrewsking.net of any amendments they require, the copy deadline is 20 November

6. Report on financial position AK – AK distributed a draft receipts and payments account for the period 1 April 2019 to 14 October 2019 showing a small deficiency of receipts totalling £46. Group funds currently total £2,892 and there are currently no bills owing.

7. Member information exchange – VE Day celebrations, 8 May 2020 has been designated as a bank holiday with licensing hours extended to enable as many towns and communities as possible to join in. Pubs will be free to put on events and activities over the weekend of 8th to 10th May to celebrate this important occasion as they see fit, for example hosting a BBQ, and are encouraged to take part in the 'NATIONS TOAST TO THE HEROES OF WORLD WAR 2' at 3pm on 8 May 2020 and in 'THE CRY FOR PEACE AROUND THE WORLD' at 7pm on 8 May. A church service will take place on the morning of 9 May and there will be an evening event at the Clay Cross Social Centre which will include an artist singing songs from the 1940's era. There are also plans for a community street party in the car park area next to the Parish Council offices in the afternoon of 9 May. Councillors Jones and Rossiter are part of the Parish Council group leading on this event and would welcome any further ideas as to what might be done locally to mark this international celebration.

8. Date and Time of next meeting Tuesday 14th January 2020, Bateman's Mill Hotel, Old Tupton starting at 6pm.