

## **Clay Cross Town Centre Group**

**Minutes of the meeting held: Tuesday 14 January 2020 at the Bateman's Mill Hotel, Old Tupton**

**Attendees:** Andrew King – formerly of Lilleker and King (AK), Sarah Wilson – Tesco Community Champion (SW),  
Angela Gambetta Poppy's Cafe (AG)

**1. Apologies:** Jade Hendon – Bateman's Mill Hotel (JH), Neil Burke – Smart PAT Testing, L Manfredi – Smiths Creamland Ices (LM), Amanda Holden – Hygge Emporium (AH), Karen Tait – The Hub at Gladstone (KT), G & J Hairstylists, Angela Ostler – Small Town Girl Bakery, Cheryle Berry – Clay Cross Rotary

**2. Minutes of** last meeting held on Wednesday 12 November 2019 have been circulated previously by email and were signed by AK as a true record.

**3. Current Issues and Projects** – The Christmas Celebration Event was held as planned and Market Street enjoyed singing from the Sharley Park School choir accompanied by Ashover Brass band and supported by parents, friends and family. Festive eats were kindly provided by Mr John Gambetta of the Bon Appetite Cafe and the Double Decker Party bus also joined the event with power for the bus activities kindly provided by the Old English Public House. The evening concluded at the Smithy Brook Extra Care Facility with residents enjoying more Christmas music and singing from the children's choir.

Plans are now being formulated for the town's VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and this is being co-ordinated by Sioned Dolan Strategic Partnership Support Officer for NEDDC, in association with Clay Cross Parish Council. AK reported that he had attended a meeting regarding the progress already made for this important 75th anniversary event and that further support was being sort for activities such as a suitably themed best dressed shop window in the town competition and for the Saturday afternoon of 9 May when an outside tea for the local community with games and competitions is being planned. It has been suggested that we should try and incorporate some of the games and competitions that were enjoyed at the original VE Day celebrations in 1945.

**4. New Members Joining** –Angela Ostler of Small Town Girl Bakery is now welcomed to the group having recently joined us as a member.

**5. Newsletter, website update and facebook** – The Wings newsletter for December/ January was published in early December with 23 members taking advertising space. The website continues to be maintained by group member P W Computers.

**6. Report on financial position AK** – AK distributed a draft receipts and payments account for the period 1 April 2019 to 15 December 2019 showing a deficiency of receipts totalling £326 after having made a recent payment of £600 for the December Newsletter published via the Wings magazine. Group funds currently total £2,612 and there are currently no bills owing.

**7. Member information exchange** – AG advised that there were several new traders in the town centre area and it was agreed that we should hold the next meeting closer to the town centre in order to try and encourage greater attendance.

**8. Date and Time of next meeting** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020, at the Former offices of Lilleker & King, 1 The Mall Market Street Clay Cross, above the Strawberry Basket greengrocers, access via the Market Street Mall walkway leading to and from the car park, starting at 6pm.