

Clay Cross Town Centre Group

Minutes of the meeting held: Monday 19 October 2020 via zoom link

Attendees: Nina Gurling – Body Health Centre (NG) Andrew King – formerly of Lilleker and King (AK), Ian Bexton – Executive Officer (IB) Councillor Gerry Morley – Clay Cross Parish Council and North East Derbyshire District Council (GM), Councillor Maggie Jones – Clay Cross Parish Council and North East Derbyshire District Council (MJ)

1. Apologies: Cheryle Berry – Clay Cross Rotary (CB), Jade Hendon- formerly of Batemans Mill Hotel, Georgina Skelton – G & J Hairstylists, Angela Ostler – Small town girl bakery

2. Minutes of last meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 have been circulated previously by email and having been proposed by Councillor Maggie Jones were signed by AK as a true record.

3. Current Issues and Projects –

AK referred to the restrictions placed on previously planned community activities in particular the VE Day 75th anniversary celebrations, which had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and also that we were not able to run our Clay Cross on the Beach event. Normally at this time of year we would be planning our Christmas Celebration event and MJ commented that we should try and organise something with a Christmas theme which still complied with the pandemic control measures and IB supported this view.

GM also supported this view and commented that the Parish Council would be prepared to work with the group particularly in respect of community activities and also in promoting the businesses of the local traders via the Clay Cross Parish Council Magazine which is distributed to every household in Clay Cross. GM will let us know when the Christmas lights are due to be switched on

AK commented about the Group's involvement with the Clay Cross Town Investment Plan (TIP), both AK and GM are part of the Clay Cross Town Board, which is currently finalising the TIP for submission to central government by the end of this month. One of the principal projects is to create a new heart for the existing Clay Cross Town Centre focussed on Market Street and Bridge Street. GM commented that the plans included moving the library to the town centre and that this would give a focal point for other activities such as Clay Cross heritage projects. If successful there could be up to £25m of government funding for the town and also stated that a number of the projects put forward are dependent on money being brought in from the private sector.

4. New Members Joining – There have been no new members joining since the last meeting.

5. Newsletter, website update and facebook – The most recent Wings newsletter is for October and there have been two other Wings Newsletter publications this financial year. The website continues to be maintained by group member P W Computers and the Facebook page is updated by group member Diana Yates. NG raised the question of whether we should continue with promoting the group thru Wings. There is an alternative local publication 'The Shopper's Guide' which has good local distribution and might be more cost effective. AK commented that before taking any decision those members who currently pay a monthly subscription to have the promotion of their businesses included in the Newsletter, should be consulted to find out how satisfied they were with the business they generate via Wings.

6. Report on financial position AK – AK distributed via the share screen facility a draft receipts and payments account for the period 1 April 2020 to 7 October 2020 showing more or less a break even position regarding receipts less payments. Group funds currently total £3,218 and there are currently no bills owing.

7. Member information exchange – It was acknowledged that various points had been raised at the AGM and this meeting which needed further consideration, notably the appointment of an independent examiner, the continuation of the Newsletter via Wings, and the possibility of having some sort of Christmas event despite the current difficulties. It was agreed a further meeting should be held soon and this is as per item 8 below

8. Date and Time of next meeting Wednesday 11th November 2020, via zoom link starting at 6pm.