

**Minutes from the Connect General Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018  
Leon's House, Presteigne**

**Present:** Chair Leon Abecasis (LA) David Tennant-Eyles (DTE). Marion Rowlatt (MR), David Pickersgill (DP), Anne-Marie Roberts (AR)

**Minute Taker:** Eva Venny (EV)

**Apologies:** Helena Attlee (HA) Sabina Rüber (SR)

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Minutes from the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Actions:-</u> Ideas for workshop – none yet Membership meeting wording – nothing yet</p>	<b>HA</b>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>DTE stated that the bank balance stood at £ 2075.83. Changes from last month are £ 210.- (outgoings) for Mrs Wood's Bowl and 2 x £ 20 (income) membership subscription for Marion Rowlatt and Marion Harding.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Workshop</b></p> <p>EV reported that she and Colin Felgate attended the birthday lunch and had a nice chat with Mrs Wood before a brief presentation. It seemed that the gift was appreciated by all but especially Mrs Wood and her family.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Plastic Free Presteigne up-date</b></p> <p>The Chip shop has changed to using paper bags and LA is investigating alternatives for polystyrene trays. DP stated he uses Vegware clamshell made from sugar cane and buyable at Bookers. LA will send Wendy Toomey a list of actions he has taken.</p>	<b>LA</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Christmas Fayre</b></p> <p>DTE handed out a comprehensive spread sheet based on last year's actions and costs. He will keep this updated for this year's event.</p> <p>It was agreed that the people that have helped before should be asked to help us again. The Raffle provides the main income for the Christmas Fayre and it was important that this was started early.</p> <p>DP will need a plan of the Courtyard to plan the stalls – EV will also create a plan for the church interior.</p> <p>DTE will update and organise the printing of the Raffle tickets with a view to start selling them asap.</p> <p>LA will ask Lysette to organise presents from Santa</p> <p>Members should start collecting empty screw top bottles for the blotto lotto but DP can provide 100 empty apple juice bottles if</p>	<b>EV</b> <b>DTE</b> <b>LA</b>

	<p>needed. LA will also ask Rose at the workhouse to see if we can deliver/store bottles with them before we wrap them.</p> <p>It is paramount that the bay near the church gate is kept clear for loading and unloading with the use of traffic cones etc. DTE will sort a temporary event and lottery licence. He will also update the banners and install them.</p> <p>Pope has agreed to be Father Christmas again but must finish at 6.15 to get to the Panto. He has also agreed to build the Grotto and LA will have a site meeting with him on Sunday.</p> <p>All present agreed that we should have the reindeer and that this should go onto the advertising – EV will confirm with Trevor Hill.</p> <p>DTE stated that Orphans would probably print everything for just £ 50,- and EV will confirm reindeer with DTE asap</p> <p>The window dressing competition should go ahead (if it does not clash with other plans) and the High Street should still be ‘dressed’ and a Christmas tree near the Broad Street entrance with a banner would be useful to advertise the new venue. There could also be a poster at the gate and it might be possible to light up the trees in the parking bay.</p> <p>Jack the jester should be booked as should Scrappies who could entertain in the church hall. LA will ask John Bray (fire twirler) to attend.</p> <p>Primary school choir, Church choir as well as MR’s group would all perform in the church itself with the public encouraged to join in as applicable – DTE provided MR with the song sheet used before.</p> <p>10 raffle prizes would be needed – 1<sup>st</sup> price £ 100.-; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a hamper from LA, other committee members were encouraged to contribute prizes.</p> <p>The procession will follow the usual format with Father Christmas leading the primary school children into town with approx. 150 kids (equipped with glowsticks) and followed by the fire engine.</p> <p>LA will ask Alison Parry for the use of the dustbins.</p> <p>DTE/DP will create a simplified stallholders booking form.</p> <p>The Community Café will serve coffee/tea and cakes in the church.</p> <p>LA will talk to High Street traders to see who might be interested in having a stall – so far the Soap Shop and Rose Cottage have expressed an interest.</p>	<p><b>All / LA</b></p> <p><b>DTE</b></p> <p><b>LA</b></p> <p><b>EV</b></p> <p><b>LA / Rory</b></p> <p><b>LA</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>LA</b></p> <p><b>DP</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Food and Flower Festival</b></p> <p>EV will ask DTE for suggestions of suitable free web site platforms</p>	<p><b>EV</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Date and venue of next meeting:</b> 6<sup>th</sup> November Leon’s House</p>	