

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce
The Oak, Presteigne, Monday 6th October 2014

Present: James Tennant Eyles (JTE), Charlie Minskip (Chair) (CM), Ann Wake (AW), , Colin Felgate (CF), Dale Gorman (DG), Ian Wood (IW) & Lysette Phillips (Secretary) (LP).

Apologies: Wendy Toomey (WT), Charlie Kingham (CK), Paul Taylor (PT)

Minutes of Meeting Monday 1st September 2014

Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising

Cheese and Wine - AW stated that The CoT needs to reschedule the Cheese and Wine event and this may need to be arranged at a different venue.

Adopt a Site – is still awaiting the report from WT.

The Planning Application for the Broadheath broiler unit – JTE is to submit a report for the Presteigne & Norton Town Council who have voted against this planning application. JTE raised a concern that it was possible the applicant may use the recent withdrawal of objection by The CoT as a sign of support for the plan, therefore JTE is keen to stress that The CoT neither supported or objected to the plan.

Vintage Hill Climb – JTE has been asked to write a piece on 'The Judges Gavel Award' and it's history, which is an award given annually by The CoT to 'The Best Youth' racer. Facebook Vintage Presteigne are asking for photos of past events to put on their page.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at previous meeting:	£760.99
Insurance payment	-£95.88
Tickets for Vince Cable event:	-£125.00
Ticket for C & W:	£10.00
Christmas lights fund:	£1102.09
Donation from The Fig Tree:	£20.00
Balance at this meeting:	£1672.19

Christmas Lights

CF reported that the lights and feeder cables etc have been purchased along with storage boxes. The stainless steel cable has been more problematic however as this varies in quality. CF has found a company who will supply fully made up wires with a guarantee of strength, however CF has recommended that a structural Engineer's report should be sought to certify what is required. The cost of the Engineer's report would come to £600 + VAT, however the difference in cost of 4mm wire to 6mm wire would wipe out the cost of the report and would also mean that any failure of the wires would be covered by the insurance. JTE recommended that The CoT write to Presteigne and Norton Town Council as soon as possible to apply for the annual grant. It was suggested that if the Town Council pay for the engineer's report, this may save on the VAT cost. CF is to make a full and final costing for all the remaining items required to ensure that there is enough money in the budget to pay for everything. CM suggested that CF and JTE action the above and resolve any problems should they arise. All agreed to commission the report as soon as possible – CF to action this.

Insurance

AW has had some problems getting basic information back from the insurance company therefore she looking at the possibility of changing companies.

New Members

CM is looking to boost new membership again. AW suggested CM ask existing members for a donation of raffle prizes for the raffle draw on December 5th.

Christmas Fair

AW reported that a planning meeting had taken place already and the group would like to ask Dilwyns Solicitors if their office in Presteigne could be used as a Santa's Grotto. LP offered to ask Dilwyns if they would agree to lend their office to The CoT from 3rd to 8th December.

AW has also approached The Farmers Market to put stands on the street, including candy floss and toffee apples etc. AW has also booked Jack the Jester and a Samba Band along with other attractions, The Rowan Tree have offered to source gifts for Santa's Grotto at cost price and have some things to donate, Raffle tickets will be sold to raise extra funds. It was suggested that a cash prize of £100 would be a good incentive for people to purchase tickets. AW also asked if someone in the town would be willing to run a tombola, this would require about 200 prizes, AW suggested that she would approach Glenys Millichamp and the town's Brownie / Girl Guide group to see if they would volunteer.

JTE raised concerns that this years costs would be much higher than last years therefore he would approach the P&NTC to possibly underwrite any loss. This was unanimously agreed.

AOB

Another fundraiser needs to be organised to raise funds. JTE suggested possibly organising a race night or Bingo. All agreed more members needed to be recruited as soon as possible.

Next Meeting Date and Venue:

Monday 3rd November 2014 at The Radnor Hotel 7pm