

Minutes of the Connect General Meeting

5th March 2018

Radnorshire Arms

Present: Chair: Leon Abercasis (LA) David Tennant Eyles (DTE) Eva Venny (EV) Colin Felgate (CF) James Tennant Eyles (JTE)

Minute Taker: Francesca Sandwell

Apologies:

	Item	Action
1.	Minutes and actions The minutes of the last meeting on 29 th January 2018 were discussed and approved. Actions: LA to find a copy of Powys County Council's public liability insurance and send to Gerry McDonnell – completed JTE to look into the finer details of Connect's insurance policy and inform Gerry McDonnell – JTE will continue to chase Powys CC for an answer. LA to speak to Sam at the Wine Bar about putting on a buffet – completed. JTE to send Terry Wells information about what Connect has used the Bring Site money to support – completed.	
2.	Treasurer's report The current balance stands at £4,003.98 up from £2,774.11 at the end of January 2018. Money in: £494.50 from recycling Outgoings: £30 for a sign for the Food and Flower Festival £132.50 to N. Williams for Christmas trees	
3.	Bring Site Volunteers JTE has looked at the Connect accounts and provided Gerry McDonnell and Terry Wells with a report on how the money has been spent. JTE confirmed that the money raised from the Bring Site has not been spent on Connect's running costs.	

	<p>Between 1st March 2015 to 30th January 2018 the following money had been raised:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £7,081.45 through subscriptions, Town Council grants and Leon's fundraising events • £7,006.62 from the Bring Site <p>The following money was spent:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £5,276.12 from Connect fundraising for lights installation balance, donations, insurance and admin • £5,019.38 from Bring Site money for tourism project, Christmas fair, costs of new lights, street party, free parking project and food and flower festival <p>Gerry McDonnell and Terry Wells have asked how future money will be spent. JTE updated that the contract says Connect can spend the money how we wish but that Connect should produce an annual report.</p>	
4.	<p>Bring Site Insurance</p> <p>JTE has been chasing and has yet to receive an answer from Powys. JTE has got a quote for Connect to insure the volunteers which was over £300. JTE has advised all the volunteers that until Connect receives an answer from Powys that they should not volunteer. Connect's current policy covers everyone for events and meetings.</p> <p>Action: JTE will continue to chase Powys CC for an answer regarding insurance for the Bring Site volunteers.</p>	JTE
5.	<p>Bring Site get together</p> <p>Three people had come back to LA and stated they were unable to make the evening. LA to phone Gerry McDonnell to decide whether the event should go ahead and look for an alternative date.</p>	
6.	<p>PAC Funding Proposal</p> <p>Terry Wells has made a suggestion that some of the Bring Site money could be allocated to projects to benefit the community.</p> <p>It was agreed that Connect could give £500 to PACDG to administer.</p> <p>Action: LA to speak to Terry Wells to see if he is happy with PACDG administering the money for community projects.</p>	LA
7.	<p>Membership Drive</p> <p>EV updated that that 2 people who have attended the Food and Flower Festival have expressed interest in becoming members. Both of these people are self-employed. This highlighted that a lot of people locally work from home and this is something that we could explore in the future. There will be leaflets at the Food and Flower Festival to recruit</p>	

	<p>people.</p> <p>LA stated that we needed to find someone at the AGM who would like to focus on recruiting more people to Connect.</p> <p>There is scope with PACDG to create a business directory. However, it was queried whether it was confusing to approach this together.</p> <p>It was agreed that the directory was a good idea and that businesses could have a free listing and then pay for a more prominent position.</p> <p>It was highlighted then Connect did not want to be seen to be in competition with the Parish magazine.</p> <p>The idea of an online listing was muted as it would be a lot of work to keep it up-to-date.</p>	
8.	<p>Food and Flower Festival update</p> <p>LA updated that the event was coming along nicely.</p> <p>The flyers are at the printers and are going to be distributed soon. Alison Parry will help LA to hand out the flyers.</p> <p>EV has been quoted £90 from Broadsheep for a 1/3 page colour ad, £120 for a half page and £210 for a full colour page. The event will also be in the directory for free.</p> <p>LA reported that Presteigne garage were going to buy a marquee and Presteigne tyres would make a donation towards the event.</p> <p>LA asked if Sally Butler could have access to the website to provide updates on the Food and Flower Festival.</p> <p>JTE stated that access could not be provided because of the insurance. However, a password could be given to make changes and then JTE could publish the updates.</p> <p>Action: EV to provide Sally Butler with JTE's email address.</p>	EV
9.	<p>AGM</p> <p>LA to confirm the date of the AGM.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Peter Mace has officially resigned from Connect.</p>	
11.	<p>Date and venue of next meeting: AGM 24th April at the Radnoshire 19.00</p>	