

Meeting Minutes Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce

Moroccan Deli

8th March 2016

Present: Ann Wake (Chair), James Tennant –Eyles (treasurer), Leon Abecasis, Farid, & Bouran Mehdid, Charlie Kingham, Colin Felgate, Liz Joyce (secretary)

Apologies: Lewers Firth, Peter Mace, Jemima Alexander

Minutes of 1st February meeting: Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising: Folk Festival – Kate McDermott is proposing organising folk Festival – next meeting Wendy

Treasurers Report:

TC Grant has been received and outstanding bills paid. Balance £3466.

Previous secretary Lysette will be offered £100 for secretarial work done last year.

Invoices from Leon from shed – agreed that this will be paid.

New business starting up in Presteigne with blow moulding machine.

New membership – Treasurer will try to recruit new members from high street businesses

QUEENS 90th Birthday Street Party 11 June

Ann introduced plan so far

- borrowing tables and chairs from Church & Memorial Hall
- road closures will need to be arranged
- contacted entertainers and suggestions include street theatre, Scrappies workshop for Children.

Discussed high street traders being encouraged to provide take- out food, Market stall holders will also be invited.

Community Support saving decorations with Royal theme but more bunting will be needed.

Publicity required – time to be agreed

Discussed options to buy own marquees as an investment for other events or hire them. Alternative suggestion is to book the Memorial Hall.

Ideas or income generation were discussed – Green Draw. Skittles and hoopla, Fancy Dress competition, Suggestions for commemorative gifts – pens? mugs? recycled plastic beakers?

Discussed different flag designs,

Food: Agreed people can bring their own picnics or buy from local traders. Traders can contribute free food if they want. A cake competition for The Queen – the cakes can then be shared with everyone.

Colin suggested renaming event as 'Street Picnic' - agreed.

Action:

Commemorative gifts – need to decide whether this will be for all town, children and what will the Town Council contribute?

Fancy dress/Court outfits – Best Hat suggested – agreed both will need to have prizes.

Open Mic sessions – ask for musicians this needs to be well publicised by CT

6 .Link between High Street and Schools:

Letter received from some parents about the Tesco's involvement with activities at the primary school and suggested that links could also be made between local small business and the school as well.

Suggestions that local shop keepers may want to do cooking and produce demos for the children but this should not be limited to food. Other suggestions included cycling and bicycle maintenance.

Action: Leon to liaise with Anthea and talk to head teacher..

7. Bring Site Update:

Report from Leon - still some fly tipping of polystyrene and carpet. Green waste is being used by large traders.

Ann explained that she has had discussions with Powys – wheeled plastic & can bins will be removed.

Fitting of 'dummy cameras' at the site suggested.

Action: JT do sign about fly tipping. Quotes for dummy cameras versus CCT will be explored by Charlie Kingham. Photo from Press Release to be put on Facebook page Ann with Jemima's help. Leon to give leaflets to shops, Wendy to leaflet the industrial estate.

Christmas Lights Update;

Colin has established it is manufacturing fault and has written a report. Discussed ongoing dispute with manufacturer.

Action: James will contact the company to discuss a way of resolving this dispute.

AOB:

Food Festival: Leon has asked what is happening regarding developing festival. To be discussed at another meeting.

End of Year AGM and next regular meeting . Agreed to be held on 9th May

Venue – The Moroccan Deli.