

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Dukes, Presteigne, 13th April 2015

Present: Ann Wake (AW) (Chair), James Tennant Eyles (JTE) (Treasurer), Leon Abecasis (LA) & Lysette Phillips (LP) (Secretary).

Apologies: Wendy Toomey, Colin Felgate, Charlie Minskip, Dale Gorman, Charlie Kingham.

Minutes of Meeting March 2015

Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising:

Christmas Lights: As CF has sent apologies for this meeting, it was decided to update The Committee about the Christmas lights at the next meeting once CF has had a chance to examine them. It was noted that Norton Sports Committee still have not been billed for the old Christmas lights.

Market Stalls: AW is to inspect the potential new market stalls to see what will be required to bring them up to standard and she is hoping to do this within the next week. 'Awards For All' may be able to supply a grant towards the purchase of the stalls of £5,000 and AW asked if it would be possible to apply to the Town Council for some funding. LA reported that members of the Market Committee have some spare money and may possibly be interested in coming in with the CoT and donate some money towards this. LA suggested the option of 'pop-up' stalls which are good value, easy to assemble and also look good. LA offered to get a price for bulk purchase of 'pop-up' stalls to get an idea of costs. JTE suggested that if possible, it would be preferential to raise the money for the purchase of the market stalls from other sources rather than use the CoT funds.

Recycling Site: LA reported that the recycling site was a very bad mess this morning and took over 2 hours to clear the green waste. Ideally it requires 2 people on a Monday morning. JTE suggested putting a article in the local newspaper to show how people are abusing the site. AW reminded everyone that we need to ensure the community are aware that The CoT are now looking after this area. She also added that it was imperative to have another meeting of the Bring Site committee to ensure everyone is working to the same agenda. JTE reported that the signs for the site are ready and need to be put up. It was also confirmed that there is one high-viz jacket on site, available for use.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at last meeting:	£437.27
Payments in:	£45.00
Balance at this meeting:	£482.27

Flamenco Night:

LA has set a date of 6th June for a fundraising Flamenco Night as this is the available date for the Flamenco band which he has booked. LA hopes to be able to accommodate 150 covers in the hall and also suggested that it may be possible to run a bar to maximise profits. LA is to organise and deliver the event and AW has offered to help with the advertising. LA has requested help on the night and would like some volunteers to help serve etc and will provide a list of jobs which require covering, by the middle of May. Ideally, LA would like to see the money raised, go towards the purchasing of the market

stalls which in turn will enable the establishment of a local food festival. LA stated that he felt it was important to promote what is available and that The CoT need to create a community to support and promote Presteigne. JTE reminded everyone that The CoT are achieving good things.

AOB

None

Next Meeting:

Monday 18th May at The Legion, Presteigne.