

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Oak Pub, Presteigne, 9th June 2014

Present: James Tennant Eyles (JTE), Glenys Millichamp (GM), Wendy Toomey (WT), Charlie Minskip (Chair) (CM), Ann Wake (AW), Leon Abecasis (LA), Colin Felgate (CF), Paul Taylor (PT), Charlie Kingham (CK), Dale Gorman (arrived later) & Lysette Phillips (Secretary) (LP).

Apologies: Rosamund Black (RB) & David Critchley (DC)

Minutes of Meeting 5th May 2014

- Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising

- WT agreed to seek more details of the Adopt a Site idea after looking further into the possible earning potential which could be approximately £1500 to £2000 per year. Powys County Council will empty the recycling bins but green waste can build up quickly so someone is needed to keep an eye on the site, keep it tidy and ring PCC when the bins need emptying. A potential commitment of 30 minutes a week. WT felt co-ordination of volunteer(s) needed to be shared as she did not want sole responsibility of this. PCC would inspect periodically, so upkeep is vital although they will remove any fly tipping if notified. WT thought The Chamber could utilise the site to advertise and promote fund raising ideas. The initial contract for Adopt a Site was 1 year with a possible break clause but JTE asked that WT checks the exact details of the contract and the realistic earnings from the recycling as this is dependant on its value. WT to update The Chamber at a later date.
- Bags for Life: AW showed The Chamber a bag provided by RB however no prices were available at this time. Prices available on the internet were approximately £2.05 for an order of 500 bags or £2.35 for 100 with anything required being printed on the side. AW to ask RB for wholesale prices available to her, for the next meeting.
- Car Wash: Nothing to report at this time.
- T-Shirts: CM to get a sample shirt for the next meeting. Logo suggestions welcome.

Treasurer's Report

- Balance at previous meeting ££479.81
- Income for month subs £80
- Outgoings £95.89
- Balance at 9th June £368.03
- WT needs to take proof of identity to bank for signatory change.
- Insurance documents now with Aw. Renewal due date October 2014.
- Funds are needed urgently from membership and fund raising to boost the bank balance.

Christmas Lights

- Lights agreed at last meeting.
- JTE has completed and sent in the grant application which includes the fittings, cables and lights, these total £4016, therefore the grant total is £2008 which he is hopeful of receiving a reply to, relatively soon. At the meeting it was confirmed the old lights had

been donated to Norton Sports Committee as they were no longer electrically certified and had no commercial worth.

- It was agreed by the Chamber to pay a 20% deposit to reserve the ordered lights to ensure availability in time for placing in the street, although JTE preferred to wait in case Powys County Council were late responding to the grant application.

Fund Raising

- Wine tasting and quiz, 18 tickets have been sold with 17 remaining.
- LA to donate all the barbeque food including sardines.
- CM to provide wine at cost price.

Carnival Float

- The CoT will NOT provide a float this year.

Membership

- Members encouraged to promote benefits of being a member to potential new members.
- CM to approach traders in the High Street.
- JTE to send the current membership list to CM.
- LP to update the membership pack as currently out of date and containing errors.

AOB

- LA is to hold a BBQ at Radnorshire Arms 29th June 1pm to raise money for the Little People Playgroup and has approached Carini's butchers to provide the meat.
- JTE informed the Chamber that a funding application for a new roof, windows, doors, new toilets, stage and ramped seating for the Memorial Hall, totalling £65,000 had been successful. Further grant applications for additional car parking was being sought although AW pointed out that there is currently no freezer or decent kitchen space at the hall.
- AW asked if the current Town Trail map could be altered to show the shops in Presteigne instead of places of interest, however JTE said the maps were expensive to print and hard to fund. This idea could be put onto the town website instead.
- Unsheeted manure vehicles: AW & CM agreed they had not seen any recently.

Next Meeting & Venue

7th July 2014 at The Farmers, Presteigne, 7pm.

Minutes typed by: Lysette Phillips

Approved by: