

## **Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Legion, Presteigne, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

**Present:** James Tennant Eyles (JTE), Wendy Toomey (WT), Charlie Minskip (Chair) (CM), Ann Wake (AW), Charlie Kingham (CK), Allan Clark (AC), Dale Gorman & Lysette Phillips (Secretary) (LP).

### **Apologies:**

Paul Taylor

### **Minutes of Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

Minutes agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **Adopt a Site:**

Concern was raised that the recycling site may be removed if there was no one to manage it, however WT confirmed that she was not aware of any plans to close this site. It was agreed by a unanimous vote for the CoT to adopt the site and if the running proves too difficult to manage, only 1 months' notice would be required to end the contract. AC volunteered to co-ordinate a rota to ensure cover by volunteers to keep the site clean. JTE suggested an article in the paper giving details of the bring site and benefits to local traders. A contact phone number could be put at the site with a notice saying 'Sponsored By the Chamber of Trade'. WT will complete the application form and submit it to PCC.

### **Christmas Lights:**

Ongoing and in hand.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance at previous meeting:	£730.99
Income from Month subs:	£20.00
Donation Deli Tinto	£10.00
Balance at this meeting	£760.99

### **Festival Update**

The Festival pop-up pub was very successful and those present did feel it had effected trade in Presteigne. The general feel was that it was a good attraction but CM felt that more warning would have been appreciated that this was going ahead, to allow other pubs in the area to prepare and put on something themselves. AC agreed and reported that he found people tended to book for food in all venues at the same time and then cancel last minute and recommended that traders took deposits.

AW reported that the Vintage Hill Climb will be staged in town on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 so if venues wanted to put on something special for this date or arrange special menus, this would give them good notice. Also The CoT usually present a prize each year for the Best Youth racer.

### **Cheese and Wine Evening**

CM will be unable to attend the Cheese and Wine evening as he already has a booking this night. It was raised that Mrs Wood had expressed concern about the amount of work that would be required to host this event and also some disappointment that CM would not

be able to attend as Chairman of The CoT. However it was agreed that the event should go ahead and AW reported that she had allayed any concerns from Mrs Wood and she was confident that with a little help, this event would not be too onerous.

### **Update on Vince Cable Event**

CM and WT attended the meeting at Llandrindod Wells. Both Roger Williams MP and Vince Cable gave a talk about the current state of the UK economy. CM began by raising the issues that he wished to discuss but was cut off halfway through. However he was the only person present in his group who was able to raise any points. Other guests who managed to speak, also raised issues about being a micro business in the UK. Afterwards, a half dozen people came and thanked CM for speaking out and Roger Williams approached CM and told him that Vince Cable had taken note of his questions and had asked for a meeting with RW to discuss some of the points. During the event, a lot was spoken about Tourism in the UK and it was felt that this was high on the the agenda. Both CM and WT felt that the night was successful and worth doing. All agreed to send an email to Roger Williams thanking him and reconfirming what was discussed.

### **Llandandras Christmas Fair**

As there has been no feedback from Kington or Knighton regarding clashing dates, it was agreed to time the Christmas Fair for 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and try to incorporate the Farmers Market as a 2 day event. It was agreed that due to the amount of organisation this would require, another meeting should be set up prior to discuss the event.

### **AOB**

JTE to chase membership subs and ticket sales for the cheese and wine event

### **Next meeting Date and Venue:**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at The Oak, 7pm