

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Oak, Presteigne, 1st June 2015

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

Apologies: Wendy Toomey, Charlie Minskip, Dale Gorman,

Minutes of Meeting Monday 18th May 2015

Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising:

Christmas Lights

CF reported back the lights suppliers would not agree to guarantee the faulty Christmas lights as CoT had not used their transformers and therefore, in their opinion, the power supply was to blame for the fault. CF agreed that he would test the output of the electric supply compared to the recommended transformers to check if this was the cause of the fault. He is also to check the suppliers terms and conditions to see if it is stated you must use their supply. CF confirmed the agreed 6 strings of replacement lights had been received.

It was confirmed that Norton Sports Committee had been invoiced for the old Christmas lights as previously agreed.

Recycling Site Update

LA updated the Committee to say the bring site is still a big job to clear on Mondays and that he sometimes has to climb inside the bins to get all the green waste cleared. It was strenuously agreed by all present that volunteers safety must be paramount and that he should no longer climb into the skips.

Signs

JTE has found a producer in Leominster who can create signs in vinyl for around £300, it was agreed to use the recycled doors for now until further funds could be raised to pay for permanent signs. AW pointed out there were some poles available on site which may suit to erect the signs on.

Facebook Page

LA reported that he had approached Sally Butler about the creation of a CoT Facebook page and she was willing to take this on but would require a fee for her services. It was agreed to leave this for the time being.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at last meeting	£542.27
Subs received	£60.00
Honourarium payment	-£300.00
Balance as of this meeting	£302.27

The insurance payment needs to be paid by September 2015

Membership Update

AW and JTE agreed to try and get payments from last years members as so far this year only 7 members have paid their membership. LA suggested carrying out a raffle or town lottery to try to raise more funds in addition to relying on membership contributions. He also added he would like to see an agenda for fundraising and would like to discuss this at

the next meeting.

Fundraiser Flamenco Evening

LA reported that so far he had 53 tickets sold with another 48 reserved so he was confident to reach his target of 100 people. He has kept a cost breakdown and arranged help on the night but has requested volunteers to help set up the tables etc on the day.

Market Stalls Action Plan

LA reported that he had attended the Market Committee meeting and they had agreed they wished to purchase some market stalls, in addition they had may have extra funds left over which could be used to help purchase the stalls for The CoT. AW and JTE agreed that clarification would be required to clearly set out who owned which stalls and how their use would be administered.

Community Plan Update

There is a Steering Group Meeting on the 9th June at 7.30 for the Community Plan. AW asked if The CoT have anything to put forward for the meeting. People need to think about what the priorities for Presteigne and Norton are, what are the issues and what should be included in the Agenda. LA raised that for him, parking in the town is an issue because people abuse the parking and stay all day in the High Street. JTE asked those present what what was thought about the TC taking over the running of all the local amenities and assets, for example the public toilets. LA would also like to see better signage in the town.

Christmas Fair / Market

AW would like to include Transition Presteigne in a Christmas Food Fair, who would also like to make use of the proposed new market stalls. AW and LA would like to arrange a meeting between Transition Presteigne and The CoT to discuss this further. AW suggested a date for the Christmas Fair of Friday 4th December as a tentative booking at this stage with the proposed entertainment to be discussed at the next meeting.

Street Parking Consultation

Due to people parking outside The St Michaels Hospice charity shop, it has been discussed by the TC to change the parking here to Disabled only. However it has been suggested to simply change the parking bays to the opposite side of the street to discourage people from parking on the yellow lines.

AOB
None

Next Meeting:
Monday 6th July 2015 at 7pm at The Radnorshire Hotel, Presteigne.