

**PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
MEETING HELD AT THE RADNORSHIRE HOTEL,
1ST NOVEMBER 2010**

Present: Rosamund Black, Eddie Taylor, David Critchley,
Tony Wood, Jenni Simpson, James Tennant-Eyles,
Paul Charles, Barry Meredith, Marion Rowlatt
Mike & Judy Ridgman, Paula Bowen

Apologies: Debra Oswald, Ann Wake, Mrs. Wood,
Malcolm Davidson, Colin Felgate,
Cynthia Preston-Jones

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. The Minutes of the last Meeting were agreed and approved.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Vintage Car Show:

Eddie reported that although Mike Haynes would not be organising the above event next year, he is more than willing to provide assistance for future shows. Eddie went on to say that he believed this was something that the town looked forward to and that it should continue. The Chamber agreed, and this would be reviewed again at the February Meeting.

Youth Centre Project:

James stated that although no progress has yet been made, he had received an e-mail to explain that he will be contacted within the next few days.

New Memorial Hall:

James said that unfortunately we would not be getting a Lottery Grant. It appears that the application was satisfactory, acceptable and did get as far as the final stages but ultimately fell at the last hurdle. There does not seem much point in reapplying as the outcome is most likely to be the same.

Light Testing

The Town Council has paid for the five-yearly light test and these have been certified – along with the anchorages, and we are now in a position to erect the Christmas lights on the 20th November with as many helpers as possible please. The Grant towards the Christmas Fair has also been received from the Council.

Annual Insurance:

Rosamund confirmed that this was now operational.

Parking Restrictions

Rosamund said that she had received a request from PSCO Rob Smith to generate a letter to the local residents and businesses in the High Street warning them of future actions that would be taken by the police with regard to parking offences and other motoring offences.

After much debate, it was recommended and agreed that it would be less formal for the Chamber to produce a distribution leaflet advising those concerned of the impending actions and let individuals make their own decisions. That way no-one can say that they didn't know what was happening!

Updating our website: James to show Paula how to put our Minutes on our website. Mutually convenient date to be arranged.

Arts and Crafts Fair:

Rosamund said that she would be arranging advertising leaflets for the Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair and the Committee accepted her kind offer to incorporate an advert for our Christmas Fair. James said that we will make a contribution relative to how many leaflets are required.

3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

David reported as follows:

4th October our bank balance was £1,332.31

Outgoings:	£20 for Lottery
	£56 Lights
	£13.63 printing

£52,58 Secretarial expenses

Incomings: £20 Annual Subscription
 £1050 Council Grant.

Currently bank balance stands at £2,260.10
However, the annual insurance subscription still has to be paid,
in addition to various licenses relating to the Christmas Fair.

David to chase up outstanding subscriptions.

Savings Account: £36

4. **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Once again there was a lengthy discussion on the merits of
Christmas trees for the High Street.

It was reported that several members had stressed a preference
for traditional decorations i.e. trees! However, it was pointed out
that there had been a democratic vote taken at the last Meeting
(by the Committee Members who were present) and the result
was that there would be a combination of Christmas decorations,
and business owners would have the choice of displaying a
Christmas Tree outside their premises.

Barry volunteered to help with the Christmas Trees.

For other items relating to this year's Christmas Fair, please see
updated, attached Action Sheet.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This will take place on Monday, 29th November at Emily's at
7.30 p.m. for present wrapping.

Meeting finished at 9.30 p.m.