

Presteigne Chamber of Trade

Monthly Meeting
5th September

Minutes

Present

Mrs Wood, Rosamund Black, David Critchley, Eddie Taylor, Tony Wood, James Tennet-Eyles, Barry Meredith

Apologies

Ann Wake, Colin Felgate, Jenny Simpson

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and approved.

2. Matters Arising

We have a new member: Housego Accountancy – Office 10 Broadaxe Business Park, Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2UH

Chris Lewis's resignation was read out by Rosamund, who is to double check what Chris would like to be done with the 4 months honorarium.

Mike & Judie Ridgeman's resignation was read out by Rosamund.

3. Treasurer's Report

David reported as follows:

4th July Balance: £1146.87

The current account figure includes subs received and £100 donation to flags received from Gary Banks.

Also we received a donation of £20 from Barry Meredith towards the Vintage Car Show expenses.

Approved expenses paid out for vintage car show during July and August.

Leaving a Current Account balance of £939.71 – 4th September.

4. Vintage Car Show

Arrangements for the vintage car show were discussed and posters handed out to be displayed in various areas.

Barry volunteered to help with the BBQ and try to round-up some more tents, if possible. David is going to collect the tent from James Tennet-Eyles. Eddy suggested the idea of a car parade through the High Street on Saturday morning, before the show day, at 11am to help advertise the event.

The advertising banner has been repainted and is ready to hang.

Knighton Silver Band has been booked already and Colin Felgate to confirm sound system arrangements. Rosamund suggested inviting vintage fairground organ to fill in when band is not playing. This has been offered at expenses only at approximately £60, which everyone felt was reasonable.

The catering arrangements are to proceed as before and a request was made for any volunteers for stewarding on the day.

5. Transition Towns Item – Colin Felgate

Rosamund has spoken with Wendy Toumy Transition Town Presteigne, who will let us know when anything is passed the discussion stage.

6. Christmas Street Party - Friday 2nd Dec

James to organise the lights going up for either Saturday 12th or 19th, James will also be attending to lights license. Rosamund is to organise the road closure, lottery licence and temporary events notice.

The trees and decorations are to be done the same as last year. James and Paul to use own tent for hot dogs and wine stalls, Rosamund to book Jack the Jester and vintage fairground organ. A discussion took place about different attractions; such as a Punch and Judy stall and storytellers, which is to be considered.

Barry volunteered to be Santa again this year. Rosamund suggested the idea of switching to Fairtrade toys, as discussed last year, and will speak to the papers about the different routine. The price for Santa's Grotto was agreed at £2 per child; to help cover toy expenses. The remainder of last year's toys will go into a lucky dip, which has been previously sorted into the correct age groups.

Rosamund raised the idea of having a chestnut roaster and will look into legal aspects. Carol singers – Last year we had Churches together. Rosamund is to invite Presteigne Primary School, Whitton Primary School and New Radnor as well.

James commented that the lights might need to be replaced shortly as they have been used for 11 years and he will advise on the situation.

Rosamund reported that we were short on Christmas tree lights and David is to check with Colin regarding how many working sets we have.

7. Any Other Business

The cheese and wine party is possibly going to be in the Assembly Rooms on October 21st, which would be a Friday. We are going to try to avoid booking during school half-term. A discussion about possible musical entertainment took place. It was decided that one glass of wine and cheese to be provided and additional refills to be charged.

An entry fee of £5-£7.50 was discussed. Rosamund will enquire Joanna about price-per-head for cheese and bread.

8. Council Update

The opening night for the new youth centre shall be held at 7-9pm on Thursday 8th September. This isn't the official opening, which shall be announced later on. However, the centre will be up and running the following Tuesday, which will be 13th September. There shall be a programme for various age groups on various evenings.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting shall be held on 7th October at 7:30pm in the Farmers.