

PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Minutes of meeting held 10th November 2008 at The Farmers Arms , Presteigne. 7.30 pm

Apologies from David and Rosamund Black, Tony and Susan Wood, John Selley. Ann Wake

Present

Mike and Judy Ridgeman, Colin Felgate, Eddie Taylor, Jenny Simpson, James Tenant-Eyles, Barrie Meredith, Paul Charles, Elaine Miller.

Minutes of previous meeting

Amendment Debra Oswald was present at October meeting.

Matters arising

Streetlights the Town council councilors had done a walkabout and surveyed the situation, The situation was not as bad as they thought. The lighting was adequate. They decided that 9 lights should go off and 9 lights should go on. Some were on on the industrial site which seemed silly as nobody was working at night. Colin Kirkby had written to the council. Eddie said it was very dark in his rd

Bike Rack a letter had been sent to Powys County Council suggesting two sites 1) in Station rd by the telephone box. 2) in the yellow box by the police station.

Treasures report

Current account # 532.51

Savings account #2,926.06

Transferred income 1 donation from Rosamund

Donation of #50 from Mrs Wood.

James had transferred #600. From the savings account to the current account to cover cheques gone out

Closure of street	£260.
Licence for lights	250
Licence for temporary event	21
Draw tickets	#20
Cheques about to go out	#231.35 light bulbs

James now had the required licenses and had also arranged to borrow the street signs to close the street from George Lloyd who had suggested that the signs should also be put up on the by-pass saying the high street was closed.

He had to also complete the license form for the draw

Xmas fair

Jack the Jester was now booked

Cost #350 to #400 gone up since last year as his 5 assistants were now qualified, involves circus tricks etc.

Fudge man booked

Teddy man booked

Les Pitt will be the man in the red suit again.

Santas grotto unfortunately the kings head shop is now unavailable as roger will be away

We are still awaitng a response from Elwyn on the use of his empty premises.

Suggestions included the Assembly rooms or a caravan or bus

Barrie Meredith said that if we were stuck he had a caravan we could use

Paul went to see if it would fit on the high street.between the buildings being 14ft long.

One gap is 15ft and the other was 37ft.. it was decided not to put on the road as cables would have to over the pavement..We could get rubber mats to cover if necessary.

Tombola Mrs Taylor and Glyness more prizes needed please., Teresa Felgate to help

Eddie agreed to speak to Elwyn about the grotto. Chamber will cover the costs.
He will then report back to Jenny and decide where to have it.
Draw tickets Paul handed out tickets to those present to sell.
Toys for Santa's presents had now been ordered from the PO.
Xmas trees now orderd and being delivered, to John Selleys ,25 in total.. Tony Sullivan will help,
John toput
lights on them and John is going to trim them. The transformers should still be at the shops. Tony
will check if any missing. Paul will also check if he has any. Agreed if any not working to replace
with LED ones.
Colin will connect them up.

James requires helpers to put up tress on the Saturday 15th November at 1pm outside the garage.please wear strong gloves.

Signs James will put them up on the by-pass and the high street.
James to collect and store Marquee.
James Selley will be unable to do his flame throwing owing to insurance policy
Santas car Ben needs a letter to confirm dates etc
First aider jenny is qualified.
Entertainment
Primary school booked
Ribbon dancers booked
Guitar group
Karaoke Len willing to fill in any gaps.
Barrie has a lady to play the guitar

Hot dogs plus mulled wine ordered on sale and return
Elaine to write to shopkeepers to inform them of dates for the window dressing competition. To be
ready for the 4th december.
Debra from the Radnorshire will be loaning their soup pot for the mulled wine
Santas Grotto helpers needed to help decorate on the 4th December venue to be decided.
Lights in allways to be put up by James on the Thursday night.
Marquee to be erected on the Friday at 12.15pm.
Elaine will ask Jacuetta Selley to assist her in calling at premises to collect prizes.
Present wrapping night at Emilys Monday 1st December . 7.30pm

AOB

Richard Pitts had replied to the chamber re the market ,it was agreed to remain at the Memorial
Hall due to many deciding factors ie toilet facilities and hygiene re the food selling and weather.
he did suggest a board being placed at the Farmers Market to inform customers of the facilities and
other shops in the High street. This was discussed and noted by the Traders present.
Planning application at Bartys. The situation is that you cannot object to a take away on the
grounds of competition but you can on the grounds of too many of the same thing. The council
have recommended against it.
The town council said that Presteigne could not sustain another Take Away.

Next meeting at Emilys 1st December 7.30 pm to wrap Xmas presents
Meeting ended at 9.30 pm