

## PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE ,COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

minutes for meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009 at The Dukes Arms, Presteigne

Present Elaine Miller, Liz Gaine, Paul Charles, Eddie Taylor, Colin Felgate, James Tenant-Eyles, Paula Bowen, Ann Wake, Jenni Simpson, Will Nattress, John Selley.

- 1) Apologies from Cynthia Hughes, Roger Cole, Debra and Stuart Oswald, and Barrie Meredith
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting accepted one spelling mistake trees not tress.
- 3) Matters arising

BIKE Rack Jenni had a reply from Powys County Council they had no budget for this but Hazel Brown will visit to assist with completing a form to apply for a grant .It would only be for 80% of the cost. PCC would install it, if it was purchased. James will read through the letter to understand it fully. A letter will be sent to the Town Council to see if they would undertake this project .It was agreed to contact Anthea Jones the cycle Officer to see if she had any information on where to obtain bike racks from. Paul will ask Tony Shaw who fitted one at the school where he obtained it and any costings.

Bartys

No news on the planning application yet but the premises are being cleaned up. James will chase it up at the next council meeting.

Farmers market board to advertise shops in the High Street.

It seemed the idea was not too popular , but after discussion it was decided that if any interested traders wanted to advertise they could put a sign up A4 size advertising any offers or sales etc that they were having. At the market in plastic covering which they would have to put up themselves.

- 4) Review of Xmas fair

James said that the Town Council had given £1500.00 this year we had a loss of £572.35 which was covered by the Town Council.

The road closure fee this year was £260 but next year and subsequent years it should be £130 .It was agreed that Friday was a good day to have the Xmas fair and good weather helped.

Artificial trees

Storage would be problem .Colin agreed to look at prices and quality.. John Selley said that the real trees required a lot of preparation. He had asked a market trader from J Market about artificial trees and would get prices for three feet high in bulk buy. It was agreed that the poles holding the trees were in unequal places and not all the lights are put on. At present all the wiring is okay. Ann Wake suggested that a £5 donation was given to traders with the lights running off their power supply. We had spent £300 on bulbs would LED be cheaper ? Colin would investigate if the lights could be wired into the street lights which mean they would all be turned on and off at the same time. Are there any grants available towards the costs ? Elaine to ask for feedback from the traders on the Xmas fair.

Ann Wake said that all the windows looked fantastic and well done to all participants.

- 5) Treasures Report

Balance £2,147.89 in current account

£2,734.01 in savings account

8 more subscriptions were now in, making 30 paid up members.

And not all outgoing cheques had not yet been cashed.

The cost of the cherry picker had been paid for by the Town Council.

James will transfer some funds to the savings account when all outgoing had been paid.

- 6) Town Tourism Project

Advertising on the website James was not prepared to manage the leaflet any more but Gabby from Judges lodging had volunteered. James said that we had plenty of Town trail leaflets still in stock.

David Tenant-Eyles said he would design the leaflet for free again. The leaflet would be more specific to the town, and would be available in March. It would not be date specific and would direct readers to the website

the website did not have so many advertisers this year about 10 less. More were needed , non approved B&B would be acceptable. Costs were £52 a year for a full page and £26 for half a page. Any interested traders to contact James on 01544 267363. the advert could redirect customers to your own website.

Ann suggested putting a card in the P.O window and also the paper.

Leaflets advertising this on A5 paper would say that this website was supported by the Chamber of trade.

7) Fund Raising Event

Jenni proposed we had a wine tasting evening based at St Andrews hall. The hire would be £40 for the evening and we could have a question sheet on five wines to identify them. With a buffet and wine for sale by the glass .Tickets would be £7.50 each The event would be the first Monday in April if available. Jenni will check what dates are available and Colin to make posters. Music by Andy

8) AOB

Eddie had brought the flags for the flag poles there was 15 altogether in red, green and white. It was agreed they needed to be put up before Mayday , along with the bunting. Jenni would e-mail Rowena from the Radnorshire arms to confirm what she had decided on the extending of the bunting to the the top of the High Street. James to ask the music festival and the Bike Race organisers to contribute to the licence. Jenni and Ann volunteered to wash and inspect the bunting and flags for repair. Jenni would also contact the fire brigade to help put up.

Will said thanks to whom ever it concerned for putting back on the street lights in Harpers lane.

The Lottery return had to be completed and Jenni to sign licence for the fund raiser.

Ann wake to ask Barrie about visit to the Curlew centre over Easter.

Meeting closed at 9.40

Next meeting at the Radnorshire Arms at **7.30** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Reminder AGM in April