

# **Presteigne Chamber of Trade, Commerce and Industry Meeting held 7 September 2009 at The Dukes, Presteigne**

Present: Jenni Simpson, Ann Wake, James Tennant-Eyles, Colin Felgate, Eddie Taylor, Malcolm Davidson, Tony Wood  
Apologies: Mrs Wood, Rosamund Black

1. Minutes of the last meeting signed and agreed.

2. Matters arising:

Tony asked whether or not we had heard any news regarding Zero Waste. James replied that it was still ongoing and would let us know more at the next meeting.

The decision on bunting was made having seen what the Heavy Duty PVC bunting looked like and agreeing that it would be more cost effective than material bunting which would involve a lot of work by volunteers to produce the quantity required. This was proposed by Eddie and seconded by Malcolm. It was suggested that the 'Chamber could approach the Town Council to fund the cost of the bunting as it is a benefit to the whole community and other organisations.

We had a further response from Mr Tony Caine, Powys County Council regarding the waiting restriction on the High Street. He states that the restriction was put in place as part of the savings that had to be made this financial year. At the present moment he is unable to state when the moratorium will be lifted. The Town Council have written to PCC in support of our request to extend the waiting time from 20 minutes to 1 hour as in line with other towns ie. Llandrindod Wells.

3. Treasures report: Bank balance £1073.03 Savings £3735.20  
James reported that our Insurance policy was up for renewal at a cost of £654.89. As the Chamber needs to be covered by Insurance it was agreed by the members to pay the fee. Proposed by James and Seconded by Ann.

4. Annual Visit

The Annual Visit will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at D & S Bamford (Makers) Ltd, The Workhouse, Presteigne.

#### 5. Christmas Fair

The members were asked to start thinking about the Christmas Fair which will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Colin has agreed to look at different forms of Christmas Trees and lights for the flag holders on the High Street as it is getting harder each year to prep and dress the real trees in time for them to be put at the same time as the Christmas lights. James has suggested the 7 November at 1.00pm to put the street lights up. Volunteers needed please.

Jack the Jester to be booked. –Jenni to book

Malcolm to check on having the Mini Train down the High Street.

Suggested asking Giles if we could use his back room for Santa's Grotto.

#### 6. Any Other Business

Jenni informed the Members that Elaine has had to resign as Secretary due to ill health. The Membership agreed to send her £30.00 in garden vouchers along with a thank you card and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

James asked if the Chamber of Trade could write to HSBC Head Office as he had received an email stating that the cash point is often empty particularly on a Saturday morning. Other members also stated that this had been brought to their attention as well. It was agreed to write to HSBC stating the problem and also the effect it can have when shopping in Presteigne as many of the little shops do not have card facilities.

Ann read out an open letter to the residents and business of Presteigne which was published in Presteigne Community Support paper which states the difficulties people with mobility problems have with some of the shops and business in the High Street. The Chamber of Trade agreed to look in to it and see what could be done regarding better access.

7. Date of next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at The Radnorshire Arms Meeting ended 9.15pm