

**PRESTEIGNE CHAMBER OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
MEETING HELD 12th OCTOBER 2009 AT THE
RADNORSHIRE ARMS HOTEL**

Present: Jenni Simpson, Ann Wake, Colin Felgate,
Eddie Taylor, Malcolm Davidson, Mrs. Wood,
Tony Wood, Rosamund Black, Paul Charles,
Elaine Miller, Paula Bowen

Apologies: James Tennant-Eyles, Liz Charles,
Mike & Judy Ridgeman

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Jenni to write a letter to D.S. Bamford (Makers) Ltd., thanking them for their hospitality and highly informative presentation during the visit made by Committee Members on the 5th October. The Committee expressed their appreciation and said how much they had enjoyed the event.

A discussion took place in which Rosamund Black expressed her concern and dissatisfaction in the way in which the Committee was dealing with various issues.

In particular she was critical of the way in which the final decision on plastic bunting had been made and went on to instruct that it be Minuted that she wished to leave the Group and believed that her time could be better utilised.

Eddie stated that not enough Members of the Chamber attended the Meetings and that we all needed to be working together to achieve satisfactory conclusions and that there should be more involvement.

Rosamund to contact Roger Williams M.P. to stress our views regarding the parking in Town and see if he is able to offer any

assistance. Jenni stated that the County Council had previously been contacted and they had refused to change their policy and advised that this issue is subject to a review in twelve months' time. Eddie suggested that we write to them again.

Jenni had received a reply from H.S.B.C. regarding their cash machine. They stated that the machine is being vandalised during the weekend when they are not there. The machine is checked and replenished each Friday evening and checked again each Monday morning. The Bank suggested that if anyone experiences any problems with obtaining money from the dispenser that they inform them as quickly as possible.

3. **TREASURERS REPORT**

In James's absence the following was reported by Jenni:

Balance of £563.14p in Current Account.

Balance of £3,735.52p in Savings Account.

Interest on Savings Account of 0.16p.

Since last Meeting there has been an insurance payment of £654.89p. and we have received subs of £145.

Subs paid Bennets, Lole, Robinson, Malcolm, Sitting Pretty, Taylors, Haps, Wood, Bowden, Emilys, Simpson, JTE, Feldgate, Beers, MBA, Artisan, Van Rees, Bamford, Ann Wake.

Paula to send a chase letter to Members who had not yet paid their annual subscription.

James has made the application for the lights. £50. Installation on Sat 7th or Sat 14th November - volunteers please.

James has also made the application for street closure, 2p - 7pm. £130 this year and from now on (£260 last (first) year).

James has made the application for the temporary event notice, 2.30 -7.30pm, £21.

4. **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Christmas Fair for 2009 will take place on **FRIDAY, 4TH DECEMBER**, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

Barry Meredith to be approached to see if he would be prepared to take on the role of Father Christmas.

Ben to be contacted about Santa's sleigh.

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Millichamp to run the tombola. Eddie requested some valued prizes and Paul agreed to collect these at Emily's.

Paul now has the raffle tickets and raffle prizes will be needed. Elaine offered to carry out this task by obtaining the prizes from local shops.

A discussion took place on the cost-effectiveness of the small Christmas trees displayed outside each shop and the lights needed for each one. It was suggested by Ann Wake, and Seconded by Paul that Colin should have the authority to find a suitable alternative. Colin said that he would investigate the matter further and suggested that a budget of £200 should be sufficient to find a suitable substitute.

Malcolm will continue investigating the possibility of having the Mini Train down the High Street.

Paul to ask Giles if we can use his back room for Santa's Grotto.

Presents for the children would be purchased, by Jenni, from local business.

Presents to be wrapped by Committee Members on Monday the 30th November at Emily's at 7.30 p.m. (Please remember to bring sellotape and scissors).

Rosamund to ask Marion about singing. Steven Hollinghurst also to be contacted to see if he is available.

Len to be approached by Paul to see if he is willing to supply background music.

Mince pies, mulled wine and hot dogs will be available.

A letter to be sent to each of the shops advising that the Best Dressed Window competition will be judged during the first week

in December. Therefore, participants need to have their window ready by the 3rd December.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Zero Waste: Paul reported that he had attended a Meeting held by Powys County Council relating to Zero Waste. There were still some 'grey areas' to be ironed out and he would keep the Committee informed of future developments. The objective is to achieve a minimum of 70 per cent waste eligible for recycling.

Signs for Prizes: Elaine suggested that we display signs in the Post Office and Emily's windows requesting Prizes and she volunteered to do this.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Meeting will take place on MONDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER at 7.30 p.m. at the ROYAL OAK.

Meeting finished at 9.00 p.m.