

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Radnorshire Arms Hotel, Presteigne, Monday 3rd November 2014

Present: James Tennant Eyles (JTE), Charlie Minskip (Chair) (CM), Ann Wake (AW), Colin Felgate (CF), Ian Wood, Dale Gorman & Lysette Phillips (Secretary) (LP).

Apologies: Wendy Toomey (WT), Charlie Kingham (CK), Paul Taylor (PT)

Minutes of Meeting 6th October 2014

Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising

Adopt a Site – Ongoing, AW made everyone aware of new recycling bins sited outside of Lloyds Bank.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at previous meeting:	£1672.19
Insurance payment:	-£95.89
Lights payments	-£1112.09
	-£135.00
	-£56.00
	-£288.21
Town Council grant cheque	£1160.00
Balance at this meeting	£1349.21

Promise of £500 made from Presteigne and Norton Town Council against any loss from the forthcoming Christmas Fair.

Christmas Lights

CF has received the completed Structural Engineers report which showed that although 4mm wire would be sufficient for the street lights, 5mm would be a better option to avoid any sagging. CF and JTE have made the decision to opt for 5mm wires for the longer spans and they are aiming to erect the lights on 22 November. JTE asked for volunteers to assist on the 22nd, meeting at the Library at 1pm. AW suggested that businesses could possibly put up extra lights around their shops for a greater impact. AW has also ordered the small Christmas trees to put over shop fronts but she reported that the existing tree lights were not in very good condition. IW offered to carry out an electrical check of these lights and help put them up.

Christmas Fair

AW reported that lottery tickets were selling well and Mrs Wood had offered a £50 donation. Children's toys had been purchased and delivered already and Lorna would be donating sweets. 11 stalls have been booked for the High Street, Transition Presteigne would be holding a meeting shortly and would make a decision then if they also want to hire a stall.

JTE offered to provide a stand and marquee which would be able to straddle the High Street but the final layout is yet to be decided.

The Fair is due to start at approximately 4pm at the Primary School and finish at 8pm. All shops are to stay open until late and there will be a window competition with a secret judge. A press release has been arranged and this year will be advertised as an All New Fair / Event with free parking on the day. JTE will arrange the banner to advertise the event and put up the Father Christmas sign. AW also asked for volunteers to attend the meeting on Monday 1st December at The Radnorshire to help wrap presents, there will also be a meeting held on Tuesday 2nd December at The Wine Bar to discuss the event. AW also reminded the committee that the lottery

Licence would need to be applied for.

AOB

AW reported that she had made all payments for the Insurance and this was now current for another year. CM informed everyone that a pop up shop had been set up in the old Butchers shop opposite Lornas Sandwich Shop for the Christmas period selling Christmas items and a new Beauty Parlour would also be opening soon in the town.

Next Meeting Date and Venue

Monday 2nd February 2015, The Oak, Presteigne at 7pm