

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Oak, Presteigne, 2nd February 2015

Present: James Tennant Eyles (JTE), Wendy Toomey (WT), Charlie Minskip (Chair) (CM), Ann Wake (AW), Dale Gorman, Paul Charles (PC), Malcolm Davies (MD) & Lysette Phillips (Secretary) (LP).

Apologies: Paul Taylor (PT), Colin Felgate (CF), Charlie Kingham.

Minutes of Meeting November 2014

Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising

Christmas Fair: AW reported that the Christmas Fair was a great success and although the costs were almost double, the income generated was also double. The raffle raise over £1000, Santa's Grotto covered it's cost and the Blotto Lotto stand was very successful. Wine and hot dog costs were high but did well and the general feedback from stall holders was very good. Everyone agreed there was a good atmosphere and AW reported that as there were items still left over which had been purchased for this year, the costs should be lower for the coming year.

The Best Window award went to The Wine Bar.

AW informed The Members that she had met a person who has access to some market stalls which were originally used for the market at Llandrindod Wells and now redundant. There is a possibility that these stalls might be purchased at a low cost, AW will look into the possibility of this and report back at a future meeting.

Lights: JTE informed everyone that CF was still owed a small amount of money for the Christmas lights and everyone agreed this should be paid out of existing funds. To reduce costs in the future, CF had taken a course in driving a cherry picker and all agreed the cost of this course should come out of the income generated by The Fair.

Treasurer's Report

Balance at previous meeting:	£1448.21
Total Credits	£ 2479.68
Total Expenses	£3414.14

Balance at this meeting £513.75

Recycling Site

CM has volunteered to be the main point of contact and co-ordinator of the bring site. WT reported almost everything is now in place to get the contract complete but felt a couple more volunteers would be needed to cover all bases. JTE concurred that enough time has passed and CM and WT should get everything sorted, get the contract signed and have a meeting to get the volunteers organised.

There have been some complaints to The TC about the condition of the site but all agreed that it would be a great loss to the traders of the town if PCC closed the site as the benefit for traders to use this facility presented a huge saving on the cost of having PCC collect their recycling. It was agreed that if the site was run efficiently, then PCC would clear away any fly tipping when it was reported and the volunteers would be required to sweep the area daily and report any full bins. WT informed the group that green waste and

textiles have had their value increased to make up for the curb-side recycling. CM agreed to draw up a rota and put up a sign at the site giving his contact details. AW has checked that the site would be covered by PCC insurance in case of any injury and Town Councillor, Colin Kirkby has offered his support of the scheme. AW also said that she would like to see a proper launch of the event and thought it would be a good idea to have a skip provided for small electricals. She also reminded everyone that The CoT used to have a logo in the past which could be used on the new signage for the Site.

Tourism Project

The CoT contribute to the promotion of The Tourism Project which organises community groups, however this costs £200 per annum and The CoT is now 2 years in arrears, £200 having just been paid. JTE reported that The CoT used to produce leaflets in the past but this cost became too great so JTE applied for a grant to produce the current web site. This web site initially cost money but is now making a small profit and AW reminded everyone that as The CoT we should be approaching local businesses to use the web site for advertising and she would also like to see business hand out any existing leaflets to help promote Presteigne.

The Chamber of Trade Annual Dinner

This is to held at the Memorial Hall as it is hoped to sell around 80-100 tickets and will be open to all residents, The CoT and The Town Council. This year would also see Godfrey Bray honoured after his recent retirement. As The Dukes are to provide the bar, it was suggested that they make a donation to The CoT as they are not members presently. AW asked for raffle prize donations and for help with organising the event.

AOB

WT asked for input as to how to get past attendees back into coming to the meetings and also highlighted that there were now several new traders in the High Street.

Next Meeting