

## **Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Radnorsire Hotel, Presteigne, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Present:** James Tennant Eyles (JTE), Wendy Toomey (WT), Charlie Minskip (CM), Ann Wake (Chair) (AW), Leon Abecasis (LA), Colin Felgate (CF), Charlie Kingham (CK), Malcolm Davies (MD), Paul Charles (PC) & Lysette Phillips (Secretary) (LP).

**Apologies:** Mrs and Anthony Wood (Patrons), Paul Taylor (PT), Dale Gorman (DG),

### **Minutes of Meeting 2015**

Minutes agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

CF reported that there had been an issue with the Christmas Lights as the end connectors had not been water tight and this had led to some of the lights shorting out. WT asked if the CoT were going to ask for a refund but CF felt it would be better to try to overhaul the lighting system and approach the supplier for free parts as compensation as the work involved in taking all the lights apart would be too onerous. CF will attempt to salvage what can be and will update the committee at the next meeting.

CF also reported that Norton Sports Committee have not yet been billed for the old lights which were given to them.

AW has met with Mr Blees about the market stalls at Llandrindod Wells and he has confirmed that he would be happy to sell them to The CoT. He also informed AW that there may be various funding streams which The CoT could apply too which would cover the cost of purchasing the stalls. Mr Blees did raise awareness that the stalls would require some cosmetic work but he would be willing to allow The CoT to 'loan' the stalls until funding was in place to purchase them.

AW also reported that the Annual Dinner went very well and Godfrey Bray was very grateful for the gift and well wishes of the Members.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance from last meeting: £513.75

Balance at this meeting: £437.27

*(See separate sheet for details)*

### **Recycling Site**

LA reported that he volunteers to tidy the Bring Site on Mondays which is often very messy on this day and people often just dump bags of items even though the bins are empty. It was clarified that items which are not classified as recycling are classed as fly tipping and the council will come and clear those items away. CM suggested using the first generated income to create a large sign highlighting the site is being run by The CoT for the benefit of the community. JTE suggested Jane Bywater could create an article for the newspaper. WT volunteered to write an article and to liaise with the PR department at PCC and LA suggested the idea of a CoT Facebook page. AW reminded the members about H & S and to be sure to use the high viz jackets. WT also asked for volunteers to do a morning a fortnight to help cover sickness and holidays. JTE and PC agreed to construct a sign.

### **Fundraising Activities**

LA announced he is arranging a Flamenco night at the Memorial Hall and is in the process

of pricing up the event. AW reported the maximum amount of people that could be accommodated at The Memorial Hall was 120. LA will report back to the Committee once the costs are known. JTE suggested a date of the end of June or beginning of July. LA also reported that he is organising a garden party / BBQ for Presteigne Playgroup equipment and any excess funds from this, he will donate to The CoT. AW reported that there may be a treasure hunt based on the Town Trail, being organised and this will finish with a tea party.

### **AOB**

WT raised concern that the general sign-age at the Industrial Estate has started to get very messy. JTE reported that the TC is looking into who is responsible for this area but have not found anyone, he suggested there may be a regeneration grant to improve the site but at present there is no one available to take this on. CK informed the group that Mr Bamford is looking at commissioning one large sign with all the traders names on. WT agreed to follow this up.

### **Next Meeting:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at The Dukes, Presteigne.**