

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce The Duck's Nest, Presteigne, 3rd August 2015

Present: Ann Wake (AW) (Chair), Colin Felgate, (CF) Jemima Alexander (JA), David Tennant Eyles (DTE), Peter Mace (PM) & Lysette Phillips (LP) (Secretary).

Apologies: Wendy Toomey, James Tennant Eyles (JTE) Charlie Minskip, Dale Gorman, Charlie Kingham, Mrs Wood (Patron)

Minutes of Meeting July 2015

Minutes agreed.

Matters Arising:

The insurance payment is due in October 2015 and funds are still needed to cover this. JA offered to contact her insurance broker to gain a better quote.

Treasurer's Report

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| Balance at last meeting: | £1547.32 |
| Funds to AW: | -£100 |
| Donation from Mrs Wood: | £50 |
| Balance at this meeting: | £1497.32 |

Market Stalls Update

AW reminded the meeting there are 2 funding streams available with one offering 75% towards the cost of purchasing the stalls. Also another, Community Development Fund offering funding for Community Projects and Building Local Partnership and Ecology. This funding has a potential revenue of £50,000 and AW asked if anyone would be interested in getting involved with this fundraising.

Fundraising Event

Several suggestions were put forward at last month's meeting. AW suggested a raffle selling tickets and offering an amount to spend in local businesses however she asked for any other ideas. JA offered the use of The Duck's Nest for a fundraising event such as a masquerade ball for Halloween or Game Week in November. JA also offered to email The Town Clarke to ask if there were any arrangements for Fireworks Night in Presteigne this year and the possibility of hiring the Scout Hut to sell food etc to raise more funds. CF suggested The CoT put money towards the prizes donated to balance out the Trade donations. It was also suggested that there should be 3 main prizes to encourage ticket sales. JA offered to ask traders for possible prizes and all agreed to make a commitment to the fireworks night and to get the Grand Draw tickets ready in time for the forthcoming Presteigne Festival. The draw to be scheduled for Sunday 11th October 2015 which is the last day of the Vintage Car Rally in the town and would make an event of the drawing of the winning tickets. AW is to ask the Rally organisers if The CoT could use the event for the lottery draw. DTE is to also look at a design for a logo for The CoT.

Recycling Site Update

The signs for this are still to be sorted and payment is still due from PCC. AW reported that the site has Google Facebook page but she was unable to claim it as The CoT still do not have a contract from PCC. AW is to write to PCC to chase a contract and payment.

Christmas Lights

CF is still to take all the light connectors apart and hopes to do this over this weekend coming and get them all checked. This is ongoing. CF and AW will organise the licences needed for the event. It is hoped to expand the event this year to include a food fair.

Marketing

AW asked DTE if he would help out with marketing strategies. JA offered to administer a Facebook page on behalf of The CoT. It was suggested that DTE and JA have a meeting to discuss this further.

Visit to Another Town Chamber of Trade

AW suggested a visit to another CoT in a neighbouring small town. All suggested Talgarth as they are a similar small town to Presteigne. JA will contact them to enquire whether they would be interested in hosting a visit by Presteigne and Norton Chamber of Trade and will report back on this at next meeting.

AOB

CF asked if a date could be set for putting up the Christmas lights. AW suggested a date in November but will confirm with CF next week. JA would like to hold events throughout the winter months and offered to help raise funds or the profile of The CoT. She also suggested holding a diary of events for The CoT and put this up on the web page. JA to discuss this idea with other traders and liaise with them to work together to create the best partnerships and was willing to offer the Duck's Nest as a venue to help raise funds for small community partnerships. It was also noted that next year will be the 90th birthday of The Queen therefore this would be a good opportunity to organise a street party to mark the event.

Next Meeting:

Monday 14th September at The Ducks Nest, Presteigne