

Meeting Presteigne & Norton Chamber of Trade and Commerce

The Duck's Nest, Presteigne
14 September 2015

Present: Ann Wake (AW), Andrea (Pritchard) Jude (AP), Wendy Toomey (WT), Jemima Alexander (JA), Peter Mace (PM).

Apologies: James Tennant-Eyles, Lysette Phillips

Minutes of August 2015 meeting approved

Insurance

- ACTION- JA to follow up Insurance with Jeffrey Clarke, basing the quote on the same specifications as existing insurance. Current cost is £790
- Current cost is high because of the activities around putting up and taking down Christmas lights.

Town Council Precept

- the usual precept is c£1500

Treasurer's Report

- Previous Balance £1497.32
- Received £221 from sale of raffle tickets
- Paid Owen Rimington £50 for recycling site sign materials
- Closing balance £1668.32

Recycling Site

- Peter agreed to wear hi viz vest at site, whenever he offloads his recycling, to promote CoT.
- More CoT hi-viz vests required
- Suggested removal of plastic/can recycling 660l wheeled bins and replacement by another textile bank- ACTION- AW will write to PCC Ashley.collins@powys.gov.uk – Waste Manager laura.samuel@powys.gov.uk- Contracts
- Need to find out whether we 'own the site' to put it on Facebook page- ACTION – AW to contact PCC
- ACTION- AP and WT agreed to erect the signage at the recycling site. Anne has some tools.

Fund Raising

- Some discussion as to whether the CoT needs market stalls and whether we should be pursuing fund-raising for this.
- It was agreed that we should continue to aim to purchase stalls as seen as useful to community and to traders.
- AW noted that to access funding stream, good if other community groups can be cited in grant application. ACTION – WT agreed to suggest to Transition Presteigne writing letter of support when AW

explains exactly what is needed. It is unlikely that any TP members will carry out fundraising activities.

- ACTION- AW will pursue letter of support from TC

Food Festival (FF)

- ACTION AP and JA agreed to discuss this and set up FF Steering group in September/October, for organizing event- ready for 2016.

Green Presteigne

- Members to consider what activities/strapline we could have to promote concept
- CoT wish to be seen as sustainable , green and working for the community

Christmas Fair

- 4 December 2015
- AW requires help from members and other traders with this.
- email to go out to group requesting assistance
- ACTION AW to speak with John Hymas about accompanying Churches Together.
- AW book Jack the jester
- AW write to schools for children to perform.

CoT New Year Annual Trade Visit

- ACTION- JA will follow up Talgarth Mill as potential place to visit for new year 2016

Kirsty Williams Visit

- Duck's Nest agreed to host a visit
- Proposed dates 16.17 or 18 October
- ACTION - AW will confirm availability with KW.
- ACTION –once date agreed, WT to approach Knighton and Kington COTs to see if they would like to attend.

AOB

- AW has discovered that the CoT began in 1908 (“Keith Parker- History of Presteigne”) so we have a long tradition as an organization promoting Presteigne and the area.

Next Meeting

Monday 12 October, 7pm

- Broadheath House, **Broadheath**, Presteigne, LD8 2HG

