

**Minutes from the Connect General Meeting
5th March 2019
Leon's House, Presteigne**

Present: Chair: Leon Abecasis (LA) Eva Venny (EV) Sabina Rüber (SR) Annemarie Roberts (AR) Colin Falgate (CF) David Pickersgill (DP) Grace Loveday (GL)

Guests: Terry Wells from PAC

Minute Taker: Francesca Sandwell (FS)

Apologies: David Tennant Eyles (DTE) Helena Atlee (HA) Carrie Ede (CE)

	Item	Action
1.	<p>Minutes from the meeting on 5th February 2019</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate reflection of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Actions:- LA to confirm with Sally Butler how much it would cost for her to update the website each time – LA confirmed that Connect will pay Sally Butler £200 for her work on the website and that Connect members would update it.</p>	
2.	<p>Treasurers report</p> <p>DTE was not available to provide an update in person but had sent an email. The current bank balance stands at £4,090.07</p>	
3.	<p>Food and Flower Festival (FFF) update</p> <p>LA and DP have recently spoken to a number of shops on the High Street about running cables from their premises to supply stalls with electricity.</p> <p>DP stated that a long term solution was required and the electricity could be taken from lampposts with the Council's permission. It was agreed that this was a good idea and that Connect would pay for any costs incurred.</p> <p>Action: FS to find out who CF needs to speak to at Powys County Council about access electricity from lampposts.</p> <p>Location of posters – a list has been drawn up of where roadside posters can be placed.</p> <p>Leaflets – DP reported that these needed to go out soon but that the team was waiting for the website to go live so that people could visit the site for further information.</p> <p>Newspapers – DP has been dealing directly with the rep at the paper and is waiting to hear back on how many words the paper</p>	FS

	<p>needs.</p> <p>Action: DP will follow up with the newspaper and find out how many words they require.</p> <p>Programme of events –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft programme will be provided soon. • HA is waiting to hear back from Theatre for 1 • Jenny Ogden has said yes and will provide workshops for children • GL has been in touch with Sue Harris about Whitton Voices performing during the day • DP will follow up with the face painters • Anne Belgrave cannot do the children’s workshop • CO is waiting to hear back from Fairies. • Adele Nozedar will run a foraging walk for children and families. She will require a place indoors to start off from and the walk will take 1 hour and 30 minutes in total. • SR stated that the team needed to decided where everyone would be placed on the day. • The team is waiting to hear back from Forest School • ‘Kids activities’ needs to be included on the flyer as this will be a big attraction. <p>Open gardens – there are now 7 gardens signed up.</p> <p>Volunteers – LA to send DP a list.</p> <p>Rubbish – LA has spoken to Jo Weale who will ask someone at the Council to contact LA about setting up a site meeting. LA will ask for the bins to be emptied before FFF.</p> <p>Park – LA needs to speak to the Headteacher at John Beddoes about using their car park on the day for visitors.</p> <p>Action FS to find provide LA with the email address of the PA of the Headteacher at John Beddoes.</p> <p>Stalls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP updated that 30 stalls were now confirmed and most had paid. A reserve list is now in place. DP is still waiting for Radnor Hills to confirm. • TW will speak to Sally Hamer from Radnorshire Brewery to see if she would still like a stall. <p>Action: LA to book first aiders Action EV to draft a letter to residents and businesses</p>	<p>DP</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Food and Flower Festival website update</p> <p>DP updated that that the website could be ready by mid-March. DP indicated that the team was waiting for DTE to send information on how to link the website to the domain name that he had purchased.</p>	

5.	<p>Presteigne and Norton Business Directory</p> <p>Anne Wake, TW, EV and LA recently met to discuss this.</p> <p>TW updated that for the time being, they would continue to collect lists of traders and businesses. All lists should be sent to EV and then the team will consider how they will progress this project going forward. LA will start to compiling a list of shops on the High Street with their telephone numbers, email addresses etc.</p>	
6.	<p>Plastic Free Presteigne</p> <p>The Town Council is supporting this initiative. The official launch will take place at the farmer's market in April. There will be a stall at the FFF to promote the project and make people aware of the alternatives and how they can help. The Wine Bar is advertising that it will be recycling crisp packets.</p> <p>In due course, Presteigne can be certified as 'plastic free'.</p>	
7.	<p>Working Together</p> <p>TW updated that PAC had initiated a meeting for all local organisation and community groups in Presteigne to meet and promote their projects. The next meeting will take place on 27th March 2019 and would be a good opportunity to publicise the work of Connect and encourage more people to support the organisation.</p>	
8.	<p>AGM date</p> <p>It was agreed that the date of the AGM would be 14th May 2019. Venue tbc.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Removal of the green waste recycling from Bring Site – LA updated that the removal of green waste would make a dent in the income Connect received from Powys County Council. The full extent of the reduction in funds is not yet known as Connect does not receive a breakdown from PCC.</p> <p>LA stated that after the AGM in May, there needed to be a serious discussion about finances, what projects Connect would like to support, how it would raise further funds and where the money needed to go.</p> <p>While the Food and Flower Festival makes some money, the Christmas Fayre is more of a community event rather than a fundraiser. It was agreed that in order to put on events £3k was needed as a contingency fund.</p> <p>LA stated that Connect needed to publicise that people could hire the gazebos bought last year. Cllr Bev Baynham is looking into a</p>	

	community space where groups can store their equipment. LA suggested investing in a container.	
10.	Date and venue of next meeting: FFF – 26 th March 2019 at 6:15pm	