

Lichfield Chamber of Trade and Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held over Zoom on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

Present:

Matt Clay

Kathryn Matthews

Sue Burford

Ruth Redgate (Chair)

Kristen Lackajis

Louie Clegg

Jon Oates

Tina Hart

Wendy Hill

Linda Clark

Rob Young

Callum Thorpe

Gayle Edwards

Tracey Garcia

Ben Hatfield

Jayne O'Keeffe (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted from Jan Leytham-Gain, Angela Burns, Greg Birch, Anna Schwarzenbach, Michael Mullarkey, Vicky Woolston, Donna Garratty, Becky Edwards, Rebecca Hill, Lizzy Braine and James Pomlett.

2. Minutes of the Previous

Confirmed as a true record with the amendments of Jan Leytham-Gain added to the apologies and correction to the names Louie Clegg and Lizzy Braine.

3. Matters Arising

Christmas Chamber Market

Ruth has thanked the council for the various offers for the Christmas Chamber Market and has asked for the weekend after. We are still pursuing our prescriptive rights with John Mott but in the meantime the Market Square is reserved, Lizzy is completing the form. LDC have put in place a new events policy with new limited windows of opportunity to apply for events, we missed the first date. Due to our circumstances, we have been told to proceed as though we have secured the date. Jon Arrowsmith has also put in an application for the food market on that date, but Jon does not use the Market Square.

Facebook Page Message

Ruth is still waiting for a response from John Mott with regards this.

Xero Carbon Lichfield

Ruth is arranging with Pam for a separate meeting with a presentation from Anthony Walters. **Ruth to arrange.**

1. Hanging Baskets

Rob is hoping for the hanging basket service to go ahead this year, as last year it was missed. The City Council pay for the watering and the District Council do the watering.

Rob is now in the process of getting the order forms out. Prices will stay the same as 2019 - £55 for non-members and £50 for members. Charging the chamber £28.50. Forms are usually sent out in April ready for baskets to be delivered in May. The service Rob offers includes hanging the basket with the council watering it throughout the season, then Rob takes it down at the end. This service has been going for 20 years. It is a good income generator for the chamber. Rob to come back with a price for members who are not City Centre based and would not require the council to water them. The tub baskets are owned by the council and would need returning at the end of the year. The order form will be an online form which can be shared on social media and the website. Payments would need to be made before baskets are hung. **Rob to look at prices for baskets for outside the city.**

2. City Centre Audit

In years gone by there was an audit of shops and businesses in the City Centre. Ruth will get this updated and recirculated. **Ruth**

3. Any Other Business

No other business was raised.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24 March 2021