

## Draft Minutes

### Meeting of Wotton-under-Edge Chamber of Trade Held at The British Legion on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.

Attendance: Andrew Cope; Glenn Richards; June & John Cordwell; Sarah McCabe; Kate Lock; Nicola Jotcham; Karen Pegler; Gary Keen; Wendy & Keith Bryon; Pippa Shennan; Alex & Claire Wilkinson; Peter & Hilary Roberts

- 1) Welcome by Alex, President, Chamber of Trade, especially to the two new members present.
- 2) Apologies – Gareth; Lindsey; Verity; Marge Cole; Linda Hughes; Nicki and Jo; Jacqui Moore; Lynn and Phil
- 3) Approval of minutes of last meeting – proposed by Keith - seconded by Karen Pegler.
- 4) Report on Christmas meal – attended by 13 people, very enjoyable evening with excellent food. Hope to repeat next year and attract more people.
- 5) “Shop Local” scheme – the bags will be ready by the 1<sup>st</sup> April. The Gazette will be contacted by Glenys Sykes to promote scheme. About 20 canvas bags to be given out free of charge to each shop with the option to buy more at 50p. per bag to sell on at £1. Also the possibility of shopping list pads to be given away free. Logo promotes the message “shop local” with picture of Tolsey Clock.  
Also the idea of ‘spot a Wotton Shopper with bag’ competition is being proposed – Action Glenys and The Gazette.
- 6) Lorry parking bays on Long Street – objection sent in by Chamber of Trade.
- 7) Pram Race – Nicki suggested pram race for a summer event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Local groups could enter teams + children’s race. This would involve charity stalls and other entertainment. Lions Club and Round Table would be willing to help. Date proposed – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.  
Some traders objected to closing Chipping Car Park on a Saturday afternoon as it could affect trade in the town so Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July was a suggested alternative. It was pointed out that Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July was World Cup Final.  
**Post meeting note: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July has been ruled out due to Cup Final**
- 8) Christmas Event – Jacqui Moore is willing to co-ordinate the Christmas event with help of team of volunteers. Wotton Churches Together Group (Phil from Baptist Church) has said they would be happy to help. The event is to take place 2<sup>nd</sup> December.  
A letter asking for help will be circulated.
- 9) Any Other business – update on pub opening in Long Street, formerly White Lion. It is proposed to include Tapas Bar, Sports Bar and Function Bar at rear to be re-named The Coach House.  
June Coldwell noted that a Town Council grant of £500 with match funding of £500 to go towards any event which draws people into the town, i.e. Christmas event.

Meeting closed – skittles event + refreshments provided by Relish followed.