

Minutes for the Wotton under Edge Chamber of Trade meeting held on 18th May .

- 1 Apologies- N. Jotcham, K & J Pegler, Hilary Roberts, A.Cope, N Train
- 2 Present- Alex, Clare, Jacqui, Gareth, Glenn, John, Keith, Wendy, Sarah, Kate,Gary,
- 3 Minutes from 16th March were approved.
- 4 WuE town regeneration meeting. The following feedback was given by Alex following his attendance at a recent meeting. The health check has ground to a halt. There is a proposal for CCTV in the town, Glenys is currently getting quotes, the town council are willing to put 10k towards the project. At present it is proposed that 5 cameras would be used and would be linked to Stroud police station by broadband. The aim appears to be mainly to deter crime and antisocial behaviour as the cameras wont be constantly monitored. Mixed views about price vs need. The town council have also asked that shopkeepers try to ensure their shop fronts are kept weed free.
5. Shop Local. Bags available @30p.A positive response has been noted from shoppers. The CoT bought a “job lot” at a special price and has 1000 remaining, the committee will consider a further price reduction on the bags that will be available to members only. Most traders are giving the bags away with large sales.
6. The Pram Race- this has now been cancelled due to a clash of dates with other events and traders views. A discussion was held on whether events should generally be held on Saturdays particularly if the Chipping needs to be shut as this can negatively affect some shops trade. Suggested that the CoT asks for events to be held on a Sunday or a Bank holiday, and for this view to be passed on to other groups. It was accepted that the CoT needs to give some thought to how the views of its members are sought and how decisions should be reached on supporting events to ensure a balanced decision is made proportional to those directly affected and those that aren’t directly involved but voice an opinion.
8. A proposal has been made for pram race on May 28th 2007.It was felt more information was required before the CoT can decide whether to actively support the event, one of the organisers to be asked to come to a meeting. It was noted that the CoT can only pass their views on to groups that are organising events independently of the CoT.
9. Christmas under the Edge. Feedback was given on a meeting held earlier in the month. There have been offers of help from the cinema, the round table and various members of the CoT. Fortunately this means the event should be able to take part as planned with a similar format to last year. Looking in to running a programme with sponsors to cover costs rather than a raffle to ease the workload

and to allow a local charity to hold a raffle. Views/ideas/suggestions and offers of help from members will be gratefully received (contact Jacqui at Mungos 845511). The first proper meeting will be held in late August or early September.

10. Notice is given that the Wotton Chamber of Trade AGM will be held on 29th June at the Royal British Legion, Old Town at 7.30pm. Nominations are invited for all officer positions as follows:

President
Vice President
Main Secretary
Minutes Secretary
Social Secretary
Treasurer

If you wish to put forward nominations please send together with details of proposer and seconder by 27th June to: oakleazegp@aol.com or post to:

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All members are invited to attend and light refreshments will be provided afterwards.

11. Any other business.

Alex has rung the new Conservative district councillor- Christopher Routledge and invited him to tend a meeting.

Pavements- the county council will be resurfacing the pavements in the street in August. A meeting will be held to discuss the implications of this in the near future.