

Bromyard and District Chamber of Commerce

Minutes of Meeting held on 6th February 2019 at the Falcon, Bromyard

David James welcomed all to the meeting.

A minutes silence was observed in remembrance of Sylvia Silver.

Chairman's Report – David reported on Council Meetings and said that it was hoped to have proper toilets available to replace the temporary toilets, before the Speed Festival.

Treasurer's Report – Claire reported on the accounts and said that she was setting up on-line banking for the Chamber.

Update of local festivals and events

A list of local festivals and programmes would be available shortly.

Kim Ellis had compiled a questionnaire for distribution to local businesses which covered the Christmas lights and associated activities, plus ideas of how the Chamber support businesses. She distributed copies and asked for feedback.

Christmas Lights

- i) There were suggestions that a Christmas market might prove popular. We would need to encourage people selling locally made goods, ideally something unique to Bromyard and to provide cover for traders.
- ii) It might be possible to link the Christmas lights switch-on event with the Christmas Tree Festival and contact would be made with organisers.
- iii) A proportion of the monies collected at Sylvia's funeral were to go to the Christmas Lights and there was some income still to come from Christmas events.
- iv) It was hoped to get to lights as far as the by-pass for next Christmas.

Speed Festival

- i) This year there would be a 60's theme
- ii) Area for disabled parking to be confirmed.

Bromyard Gala

- i) Discussion on the possibility of the Chamber hiring the trade tent for use by local businesses. This would be an opportunity to meet festival goers and promote their business, rather than selling goods.

Art Walk

- i) This would take place again this year, details to follow.

Round the Downs Race

- i) This would again take place, but on a different date to the Gala.

Town Criers

- i) This would be a one day event to be held on 4th May. Next year it might be possible to combine with Maypole dancing to both take place on the town green.

Scarecrow Festival

- i) The theme this year would be Countries.

Membership Secretary – following Sylvia Silver's death, this role was now vacant and Fred Clark was elected as membership secretary.

Date of Next Meeting – 6th March 2019 at the Falcon Hotel, starting at 7.30 p.m.