

Go Kidsgrove Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – held at The Railway Inn, Liverpool Road

NOTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Josephine Locke (Chair)

Janet Lacey	Andrew Marcus	<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	
Barnard Trudi	Mark Smithson	Robin Wiles (LAP	Elaine Gibson
Mike Fennell	Geoff Locke	Philip Leese	Hilary
		Dawn Lacey	Kevin Phillips

**Notable Dates**

10-14 Feb: Valentine window dressing competition  
 Easter Holiday – Lost lambs town trail

		ACTION
1	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> – JL welcomed everyone to the Railway Inn and mentioned that we may need to find alternative venues for future meetings. Suggestions welcome.	ALL
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b> – agreed. <b>Matters arising</b> not picked up on Agenda  Item 9a – sadly we did not win an award for best guided tour at the Staffordshire Tourism Awards but there is always next year.	
3	<b>Analysis of Christmas activities</b>	
3a	JL thanked all the volunteers who helped at the switch-on event and apologised for not arranging better weather! This meant that the procession was not well attended and there were few outdoor stalls but having Stanworth rides there did help the event.	
3b	There were very few entries for the Community Lights competition so the entry fee was waived and winners were given a bottle of wine as a prize. We will consider doing it again next year and hopefully get more entries.	
3c	Most of the lights will be left in place but MS will remove tree lights asap. GO Kidsgrove wish to record their heartfelt thanks to Mark for all the work he has put into the installation of the Christmas lights and the tree. Work is underway on more of the columns for the 2018 lights, but 10 more locations are needed.	JL/M
3d	We will buy more tree lights and possibly a star for the top.	JL
4	<b>HERITAGE TRAIL</b>	
4a	The organising group has met with PM Training and have an	

	outline design for the information panels. All 15 locations have been determined so the next step is to submit a planning application.	TB
4b	We will be talking to local schools about a poetry competition based around the heritage features of the area. The best poems to be published in a book to accompany the trail.	
5	<b>EVENT PLANNING FOR 2018</b>	
5a	1 <sup>st</sup> May is Staffordshire Day and we hope to launch the Heritage trail on or near this date with a walk and other activities.	
5b	The Park in the Park will take place in early July.	
5c	We will try to run a Valentine themed window dressing competition – need a flyer similar to the Christmas one.	TB/JL
5d	Easter Competition – JL suggested a variation on the previous egg hunts whereby shops will have a lamb in their window which they have to name and children have to find the name of all the lambs to earn their reward. Need to get shops signed up and to design the forms.	TB/JL
6	<b>KIDSGROVE LIBRARY ITEMS STORAGE</b>	
6a	Defer until we know what is happening with the library. Consultation runs till April but there is a meeting at the library on 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb from 3-6pm.	ALL
7	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
7a	Mike mentioned that as part of the British Canoeing Regional Tour he has arranged for a paddle through the canal on 20 <sup>th</sup> May. We will see if we could arrange a trip through the Harecastle tunnel for the same day.	TB
7b	GL mentioned some training available for Board directors. The group felt that this particular course was a bit too expensive but thought it might be a good idea to explore other courses.	ALL
7c	Closure has been announced of the Kidsgrove branch of the Co-op Bank. It is unlikely that we can change the decision but we will see if we can do anything.	JL
10	<b>NEXT MEETING</b> Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018, 6.30pm, at The Railway Inn	ALL