

CTC 750 Working Group

Friday 21 October 2022 -11am-12.00pm In person & Zoom

Attendees: Cllr Dave Brown (Chair), Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Kay Wesley, Jackie MacArthur, Debbie Coxon, Rachel McCarthy

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Margaret Gartside, Jenny Unsworth, Jo Money, Jess Thyer
2. **Notes of the 1 September meeting:** Approved
3. Update & issues on below CTC events:

a.) Medieval Banquet

Good feedback from guests, overall, it was a successful evening. The food quality was of a high standard and the band were great interacting with the audience. The boiler failure had a negative impact on the event – guests were cold and the food went cold quickly. JMAC working on final costings for the event. The event was not a sell out, SF said this could be due in part to promoting the event too early ahead of the tickets being available.

b.) Ale Trail & Beer Festival

All participating pubs have received their packs. No requests for additional trails received. The Beer Festival was postponed due to the Cost of Living Crisis and the uncertainty of investing a considerable sum of funds upfront to fund the festival.

The Cygnet Club is hosting a beer festival over the same weekend. CAMRA is running a Congleton Social on Sat 29 Oct from 12 noon, starting at The Little Street Cellar Bar. SF will take Ale Trail leaflets and T-shirts.

The future of the Ale Taster was discussed. Paul Boswell has made an outstanding contribution in the role. The Working Group would like to see Paul stay in post until the delayed Beer Festival has happened.

ACTION: SF will contact Benedict to discuss.

c.) Flags and Banners

The Mountbatten Way Banners will stay in situ until April 2023.

Streetscape is taking down the Heraldic Flags and brackets in the Town Centre. The flags will be taken to Community Projects to dry out. Long-term storage options are being reviewed.

d.) Medieval council meeting

DB proposed to move the date to full council on 8 December. The group agreed unanimously.

It is envisaged the presentation will last for 20 minutes. Draft format:

Town Crier -Intro

Reports from the Ale Taster and Catchpole

Thanks to volunteers and sponsors (750 merch as thank you gifts)

History competition – winners' presentation

A rolling video will capture the events and highlights of the Charter Year Celebrations

ACTION: JMAC to consult with the Chief Officer. New date to be circulated Ale Taster, Catchpole, Town Crier.

4. AOB:

Date of next meeting: tbc