

Chairman's Report for October 2019 meeting

A fairly quiet month in September.

I have continued working in the background on the OAP workshops in February and March. I have now received confirmation that DWP and a pension credit advisor (both bilingual) will be in attendance. Natwest and Barclays will be there and the area manager for the Post Office. The Welsh, English Counties and Regional Manager for Northern Ireland has approved/endorsed the idea and has announced that Post Office will view it as a pilot scheme which could then be rolled out on a national scale following review of the days. Working with Clerk we will prepare a press release for local publications in December/January and for national publications within the Post Office. Also there will be Red Cross support group from Carmarthen who will provide refreshments / company for those in attendance.

I received an invitation to the Tabernacl event on for 27th of September which Richard and Joan kindly attended on WTC behalf. Invitation also received to open Christmas Fayre as last year in Town Hall.

For Councillors' information, after last year visiting Waungron (which I will also do this year) and then listening to customers telling me what they did - or didn't do on Christmas Day as a family we committed to throwing open a Community Lunch. The Town Hall have agreed to give me the premises free of charge to host and through the kindness of local businesses help I will be cooking and serving a 2 course Christmas lunch for those who would otherwise be sat home alone and may see no one on this special day.

Already I have volunteers who are prepared to give up their Family Time to assist. Posters will be going up soon to advertise it but word of mouth is the best form of communication to our community so I ask Councillors to spread the word . There is no charge and it is donations only. Rob Kersey has produced posters sharing the lunch and as a point of reference he has named me as a booking point but also (Mayor). Advertising for this will say that it is a Community Lunch with no mention of WTC just the sponsors of this event. So for the minutes it should be duly noted that it a Community Lunch that an individual is co-ordinating not the Mayor - however there may be press releases in which I am referred to as the Chair/Mayor.

This Christmas Day lunch I hope to start as an annual event and embrace those who are vulnerable and lonely in our town.