

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Newton Stewart Business Association held at The McMillan Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.30 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Mary Prince (Chairman)  
Julie Hamilton (Minutes Secretary)  
Elaine Marr  
Gordon Andrews  
Alex Reynolds  
Angus Tait  
Kevin Dean  
Michael Turner

### **1. Welcome**

Mary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies:**

Brian Marshall

### **3. Christmas Lights – CVCC sub group**

Mary introduced Bill Campbell and Josephine Chambers who were representing CVCC on Newton Stewart Christmas lights. Aldi have made a donation of £1000 towards the lights and CVCC are proposing a parade through the town to the square for the switch on. Market stalls will be in the tourist information car park for the evening with late night shopping for the town. Discussion followed, NSBA wished them well and offered help if needed.

### **4. Minutes of the Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

The minutes were approved.

### **5. Chairman's report**

Shennanton Sawmill had approached NSBA with a request for backing for a funding proposal with regards to a new retail/restaurant development. It was agreed to send a letter of support.

The Forestry Commission are behind with their plans to install information boards in Newton Stewart.

Joan Mitchell had asked for financial support for next years walking festival. Gordon agreed the walking festival was good for the town and it was suggested a donation of £300 be made.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Account 1 £1563.15 Account 2 £1102.35. There are 24 new members.

### **7. NS Shopping Survey**

The meeting split into pairs to run through the shopping survey and time the questions and answers. Alterations were made to the survey which took on average 7 minutes.

### **8. AOCB**

Walkers are Welcome Town. Mary outlined an initiative in Moffat and she will look into it more thoroughly with Joan Mitchell.

Keith Muir, Galloway Forest Park, will attend the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

An informative website 'Pride and Passion' was outlined by Mary.

Merrick Rally feedback. Mary handed out a resume on the businesses opinions on the rally and road closure.

### **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm in the McMillan Hall.