

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2019** AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, GREAT WESTERN HOUSE, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT Councillors Ms L Roberts (Chairman) Presiding
Mrs J A Jones (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs J Cleave M Joyce
C Coyle-Moore C N Parker
R Hayes K Purchase (Mayor)
D Howe M Ryan
R Jenks (Dep Mayor)

In attendance: Natalie Hicks– Events Co-ordinator
Sally Henley – Town Development Manager
Alexandra Robinson - Committee Administrator

E35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Carol Bunday, Mike Hocking and Mike Pilkington.

E36. INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Councillors M Ryan, Mrs A Jones, C Parker and K Purchase gave notice of their intention to declare personal interests in Minute E39, Newton Abbot Carnival 2019.

E37. MINUTES

The minutes of the Events Sub–Committee meeting held on 9th January 2019 were received and signed as a correct record.

E38. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

E39. NEWTON ABBOT CARNIVAL 2019

The Chairman invited the Chairman of the Carnival Committee, Councillor Mike Ryan to update the Sub-Committee on the plans for the 2019 Carnival. Councillor Ryan reported that the itinerary for the 2019 Carnival had been organised was publicised in the Events Diary. Councillor Ryan referred to the Crowning of the Carnival Queen on 29th June and he invited applicants for the Queen and her attendants. He highlighted the key events for the Carnival week and welcomed volunteers to help sell tickets for the Duck Race from 11th May for the event to be held on Wednesday 10th July. The theme for the Carnival Float would be Art Deco, 1920's and 1930's and Members recorded their appreciation of Redrow for their continued support in sponsoring the Float for 2019. Councillor Mrs Ann Jones reported that together with Councillors Mike Hocking and Colin Parker they had purchased new speakers and two-way radios for the Carnival.

Councillor Ryan noted that he was pleased that the matter relating to a dispute on last year's Quiz Night had been satisfactorily resolved. Councillors discussed the rising cost of insurance cover for both public liability and performing arts policies and queried whether it would be possible to share the cost of insurance premium with the Town Council. Councillor Ryan invited Councillors to suggest charities which may be eligible for support

from this year's Carnival Events. Members commended Councillor Ryan and the members of the Carnival Committee for their continued efforts.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Ryan and the members of the Carnival Committee and all those involved in the preparations for this year's forthcoming Carnival on behalf of the Town Council for their continued efforts in providing an excellent Carnival for the town.

Councillors M Ryan, Mrs J A Jones, C Parker and K Purchase having declared personal interests in the item took part in the discussion.

E40. **EASTER 2019**

The Chairman invited the Events Co-ordinator to update Members on the events for Easter Saturday, 20th April 2019. Mrs Hicks referred to a 'flyer' as tabled at the meeting that would be circulated to promote the Easter events and highlighted the activities for families in the town on the day. Mrs Henley had arranged for 'Swervy World' Jazz band to play in Golden Lion Square, the cost of which had been covered by sponsorship from the Passage House Inn. Mrs Hicks welcomed the involvement of Councillors on the day and she added that Newton's Place would also have a craft activity for children and families and they intended to be present at each of the forthcoming Town Council events in order to update the community on the progress of the project.

E41. **BAND CONCERTS 2019**

Further to Minute 19/01(E32) the Chairman referred to the updated table on the band concerts and sponsorship for 2019. The Events Co-ordinator reported that since the last meeting, the Mayor's Secretary, Mrs Winsborrow had confirmed bookings for all of the band concerts for 2019 but that she was awaiting confirmation on sponsorship for two of the concerts. Members welcomed the variety of bands and expressed their thanks to Mrs Winsborrow for her organisation of these popular events.

E42. **EVENTS UPDATE**

The Chairman invited the Town Development Manager and Events Co-ordinator to update Members on events planned for later in the year. Mrs Henley raised the following points:

Summer Nights – Three events had been planned for the Summer, (June, July and August) in partnership with the District Authority and Born Hectic. As with last summer, there would be food stalls and live music and it was hoped that these would prove to be as popular as last year.

Motor Shows – Two events had been planned for the summer (June and September) in partnership with the Mid Devon Advertiser who were sponsoring the event. Mrs Henley added that this year there would also be a children's competition to encourage more families to be involved.

Mrs Henley invited suggestions for local musicians and bands to play at Golden Lion Square during the summer.

Mrs Hicks raised the following points:

Town Criers – Seven of the fifteen places had been confirmed to date and the Town Crier, Nigel Kenneison had chosen the second cry to be about Horses. Mrs Hicks reported that she had received confirmation from Mr Keith Stokes-Smith that he would sponsor the prize money and Members noted their appreciation for his continued support. Overall preparations for the event were well underway.

Lantern Parade – Further to Minute 19/01(E29) Mrs Hicks had made enquiries about the implications of the recent closure of Hannah’s at Seale Hayne and whether an alternative venue would be needed for the production and storage of Lanterns for the 2019 event. Mrs Hicks reported that the main organiser and artist had advised that they would still be able to use the premises at Seale Hayne until the sale of the building, but in the event that it was unavailable, he was confident that there would be alternative venues available for the workshops and storage of the lanterns prior to the parade. Mrs Hicks noted that this year’s theme would be ‘Insects’, to include; butterflies, spiders and ladybirds. Councillors suggested local venues that may be suitable alternatives if needed.

E43. ACCOUNTS/INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

The Chairman referred to the Income and Expenditure statements for 1st April 2018 – 31st January 2019 for the Events Sub-Committee, previously circulated, and advised Members that no questions had been received in advance of the meeting. The Chairman invited any further queries to be raised at the meeting.

The Events Co-ordinator advised that the remaining budget had been allocated to the end of the financial year

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for 1st April 2018-31st January 2019 for Events Sub-Committee be hereby noted and accepted.

E44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As the Chairman closed the meeting, she thanked Members and all those involved in the events for their continued effort and support.

The next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee would be Wednesday 12th June 2019.

Chairman