

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH 2022** AT 7.00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT Councillors C Bunday (Chairman) Presiding
M Ryan (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Davieson M Joyce (Mayor)
A Hall C Parker
R Hayes L Sheffield
M Hocking

In attendance: Natalie Hicks - Events Co-ordinator
Linda McGuirk - Principal Administrator
Sally Henley - Town Development Manager

E28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors K Crout, R Hall, D Howe, C Jenks, R Jenks, A Jones and M Pilkington.

E29. MINUTES

The minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on the 19th January 2022 were received and signed as a correct record.

E30. INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

Councillors C Bunday, M Hocking, C Parker, M Ryan, R Hayes and M Joyce gave notice of their intention to declare non-pecuniary interests in relation to Minute E32, Newton Abbot Carnival 2022.

E31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

E32. NEWTON ABBOT CARNIVAL 2022

The Chairman of the Carnival Committee, Councillor Mike Ryan gave an update to the Sub-Committee on the plans for the 2022 Carnival. He advised Members that the Carnival program is being finalised.

Cllr Ryan expressed his concern regarding the future of Newton Abbot Carnival in its present form, advising that several towns had withdrawn from the Carnival circuit. He added that due to the pandemic the Carnival's finances had been badly affected and it was likely a request for support would be submitted to the Town Council.

Members discussed the Events Sub-Committee budget.

Councillors C Bunday, M Hocking, C Parker, M Ryan, R Hayes and M Joyce having declared personal interests in the item took part in the discussion.

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E33. EASTER 2022

The Chairman invited the Events Co-ordinator and Town Development Manager to update Members on plans for the Easter events. The Events Co-ordinator reported:

- Easter events will take place on the 9th April 2022 and will be held in conjunction with the Annual Town meeting.
- Poster is being finalised.
- Free chocolate egg giveaway on Saturday 16th April.

The Town Development Manager confirmed:

- Lego trail will take place across the town during the Easter holidays with 14 businesses taking part. The event has been organised in conjunction with the Museum and Library.
- Stagecoach's Gary the Rabbit will be in town.

E34. H M QUEEN PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Chairman invited the Events Co-ordinator to update Members on the arrangements for Her Majesty the Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to be held between 2nd - 5th June 2022.

The Events Co-ordinator reported:

- Poster, circulated prior to the meeting, is being finalised.

Events are scheduled to take place across the weekend:

- Thursday 2nd June:

Beacon lighting will take place at Highweek, Wolborough and Buckland. Members were advised marshals are required in each location. Councillors volunteered to marshal in the following locations:

Wolborough: Cllrs M Ryan and M Joyce.

Buckland: Cllrs C Parker, R Hayes and L Sheffield.

Highweek: Cllrs A Hall, M Hocking and C Bunday.

A lone Piper will play 'Diu Regnare' at Highweek.

- Saturday 4th June:

Live entertainment in the town centre provided by 'Two Sisters Dance Group'

- Sunday 5th June:

Party in the Park.

Members were reminded that a ceremony to mark the tree planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy will take place at 11am on Friday 11th March 2022.

The Events Co-ordinator updated members on investigations for the installation of flag poles and related infrastructure in the town centre. A quote in the region of £5,000 has been received although this did not reflect the removal and repair of the old infrastructure which is likely to increase the quote significantly. Members were reminded that permissions to install the infrastructure would be required from approximately 23 businesses prior to installation and that this could prove to be a timely exercise.

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General discussion took place about the project, members recognised that although the cost was high the long-term benefits for the town would be immeasurable.

The Town Development Manager agreed it was a costly project but assured members it was a positive investment for the town that would be used for many years to come.

Cllr Hocking suggested the cost could be met through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts. Members were generally supportive of the project and asked for further investigation to be carried out into funding the project via CIL receipts. It was recognised the timescale to achieve the project prior to the Jubilee was very tight.

It was **agreed** the Events Co-ordinator should carry out further investigations and report back to the Council as soon as possible.

E35 EVENTS LIST

The Events Co-ordinator informed members that the working group had met to discuss amalgamating the Lantern Parade and Switch-on event. The working group's recommendation to the Sub-Committee was: the Lantern Parade and Switch-on events should be treated as individual events and held on separate dates as outlined in the revised events list 2022, circulated prior to the meeting, accordingly it was:

RESOLVED that the revised events list for 2022 be hereby noted and accepted.

E36. INCOME & EXPENDITURE/BUDGET REQUIREMENT 2022/23

The Chairman referred to the Income and Expenditure statement for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st January 2022 for the Events Sub-Committee, previously circulated, and advised Members that no questions had been received in advance of the meeting, accordingly it was:

RESOLVED that the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st January 2022 for the Events Sub-Committee be hereby noted and accepted.

The Events Co-ordinator advised there are still items of expenditure pending. Cllr Parker requested a breakdown of the Platinum Jubilee costs at the next Events Sub-Committee meeting.

E37. LATE CORRESPONDENCE

None.

E38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting and advised the next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee would be Wednesday 25th May 2022.

Meeting closed at 20:00pm

Chairman.....Date.....

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