

Events and Community Committee



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Minutes of the Meeting held 6th July 2020, 7:00pm Meeting held remotely via Zoom

- EC/20-21/1/1 Present**
- Cllr S Dymond (chair), Cllr C Dickens, Cllr A Cooper
In attendance: Sue Davies, Town Clerk
J Locke (Go Kidsgrove) was present and was co-opted during the meeting.
- EC/20-21/1/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence**
- None received.
- EC/20-21/1/3 To note declarations of Members Interests**
- None
- EC/20-21/1/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th February 2020.**
- The minutes of the meeting of the 27th February 2020 were approved by all those present.
- EC/20-21/1/5 Public Participation (A period of not exceeding 15 minutes for the press or public to make comments.**
- None

EC/20-21/1/6

Matters arising from the meeting of the 27th February 2020 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

a) **Questionnaire progress**

The Clerk has not progressed this.

EC/20-21/1/7

To receive nominations for and to resolve to co-opt non councillor members onto the committee.

Cllr Dymond nominated: J Locke, W Richins, R Stephenson Evans.

Cllr Cooper seconded all three and all three were individual, in turn, co-opted onto the committee by a majority show of hands.

EC/20-21/1/8

To discuss events in relation to the Covid-19 situation:

a) **Party in the Park: To consider a proposed potential date for 2021.**

It was agreed that a delayed Party in the Park would not be planned for 2020. Saturday 3rd July was suggested for 2021.

b) **Remembrance Day: To consider arrangements, if any, for 2020.**

Cllr Dymond updated the committee on feedback from the poppy co-ordinator that the British Legion is not currently planning on selling poppies in public places. The wreaths would be ordered and the Kidsgrove Town Council emblem, if supplied, can be collected. Wreaths could be laid privately in social distancing restrictions are still in force.

It was agreed that the Town Council should invite the British Legion to a meeting to discuss options for the Remembrance Day. Having a contingency plan to live stream a service may be an option.

Action: The Clerk to arrange the meeting.

c) **Christmas Lights switch on and market.**

Cllr Dickens advised that Rotary Kidsgrove has been advised not to plan events involving large numbers of the public prior to Christmas.

Cllr Dymond suggested that some form of switch on still be held subject to guidelines at the time.

It was felt less likely the indoor market could progress but that the option of an outdoor market could be considered. The Clerk was asked to look at the permissions that would be required and to contact last year's stall holders for their view.

J Locke informed that Go Kidsgrove now have further lights but asked if the Town Council could help to pay with installation costs. It was agreed that a report be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

A provisional date of the 5th of December 2020 was agreed.

The clerk was asked to talk to the company used to put up the lights regarding the provisional date.

Cllr Dymond suggested that a window dressing competition be held over the Christmas period.

J Locke informed that Go Kidsgrove would be running the reindeer trail event.

It was agreed that more information on the restrictions that will be in place at the time are needed before any firm plans can be made.

A location for a Mow Cop tree will be investigated. One site might have an electric source, but this will need investigating. The Butt Lane Tree will need to be arranged nearer the time.

The lights in the tree opposite the Town Hall require some attention, or the tree cutting back.

Actions – The clerk to:

- *Explore the possibility of an outdoor market*
- *Write to store holders*
- *Contact the firm that usually install the lights. (Approval of any booking will need approval at a future committee meeting before confirmation.)*
- *To liaise with J Locke regarding the competition.*
- *To liaise with Cllr Cooper regarding the potential tree location at Mow Cop.*
- *To liaise with NULBC regarding the tree opposite the Town Hall.*

- d) **Christmas Pantomime: To receive an update from the Clerk and to consider proposals and actions and to approve payment of the deposit, this putting some commitment on the Council.**

There is a provisional booking for the pantomime, but it was felt it was highly likely that this might not go ahead.

Action: The Clerk to discuss with the firm.

- e) **Reels on Wheels**

It was noted that Reels on Wheels cannot go ahead at present.

- f) **Other events.**

None at present.

EC/20-21/1/9

Mayor support and Charity Events:

- a) **To receive a statement of accounts for the Mayors fund.**

The committee agreed to defer this item.

- b) **To receive a general update summary on the Mayor's Events and Fundraising.**

Cllr Cooper updated on her recent Civic events:

- Raising a flag at the Town Hall over Armed Forces weekend and 100 years for the Order of the Signals celebration.
- Working with Aspire to deliver leaflets and activity packs.
- Opening the Ash Pub. The new owners are hoping to utilise the ground for community events as in years past.
- The Mow Cop scarecrow trail is coming up and the Mayor has been invited to be a judge.

- c) **To receive any further item from the Mayor relating to her fundraising including any proposed further events which may require support.**

Cllr Cooper informed that she would like to resurrect the Civic Awards. Cllr Dymond informed that in a year past such an event had been held in the Autumn and had incorporated a harvest event with the allotments.

It was felt a Civic Awards would be a boost to the community and as a council to say thank you for the hard work.

It was also raised that the Civic Service, restrictions permitted, would be good to run at some point over the coming year.

Action: Cllr Cooper and the Clerk to liaise to form a plan and to put out a letter asking for nominees.

- EC/20-21/1/10 To receive and note the committee's budget expenditure 2020/21 to date and to recommend any changes.**

The Clerk discussed the budget to date. It was noted that this committee may have available funds, due to events that cannot progress, that could be made available to other committees if required, especially with Party in the Park not going ahead. This will be considered further at the next committee meeting.

- EC/20-21/1/11 To receive any items from the Chair or Clerk.**

None.

- EC/20-21/1/12 To consider and agree potential further events (suggested at the last meeting or raised since) for 2020 or subsequent years.**

- a. Artisan Markets
- b. Regular Markets
- c. Barge Markets
- d. Kidsgrove by the Sea
- e. Barn Dance
- f. 80's night
- g. Wrestling and Boxing Nights
- h. Interschool sports day
- i. Any further suggestions

- EC/20-21/1/13 To agree the time of the next meeting: The schedule is being prepared. The end of August/beginning of September was suggested.**

The meeting concluded at 20:30