

Events and Community Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting held 9th February 2021, 7:00pm Meeting held remotely via Zoom

- EC/20-21/2/1 Present**
- Cllr S Dymond (chair), Cllr A Cooper, Cllr G Burnett, Cllr Dickens, Mrs J Locke
In attendance: Sue Davies, Town Clerk
- EC/20-21/2/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence**
- The Clerk has received apologies of absence from Mr W Richins.
- EC/20-21/2/3 To note declarations of Members Interests**
- None
- EC/20-21/2/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th November 2020.**
- The minutes of the meeting of the 19th November 2020 were approved by all those present.
- EC/20-21/2/5 Public Participation (A period of not exceeding 15 minutes for the press or public to make comments.)**
- None

EC/20-21/2/6

Matters arising from the meeting of the 19th November 2020 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

a) Questionnaire progress

The Clerk has not progressed this as it is not considered a priority until restrictions end.

EC/20-21/2/7

To discuss and consider Party in the Park arrangements for 2021.

The Committee felt that restrictions were unlikely to relax sufficiently to allow the Party in the Park to go ahead and resolved to postpone until the following year.

EC/20-21/2/8

To discuss and consider other events for consideration in the next financial year including the booking of the pantomime.

a) Pantomime

The Committee asked the Clerk to contact the company and ask if either the 27th or 28th December are free and to make a provisional booking subject to the quote being received and the expenditure coming back to the committee for approval.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Pantomime company.

b) Christmas markets Light Switch on.

The Committee agreed to provisionally arrange for the Christmas Market and light switch on to take place on the 4th December subject to restrictions easing.

Action: The Clerk to contact the regular stalls to inform and say we will sent further information out in due course.

c) Reels on Wheels

It was agreed not to pursue these film showings until restrictions ease.

EC/20-21/2/9

Mayor support and Charity Events:

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

Cllr Cooper noted that it is difficult for her to raise money as most of the events traditionally used by the Mayor to raise money.

- Fund raising took place at the St James Christmas Event at Tesco which had been funded by the Town Council.
- The Elf Competition provided some humour and prizes have been handed out.
- The Mayor raised that she has been unable to use her allocated use of the Town Hall. It was agreed that provision should be made to compensate for the inability of this year's Mayor to fund-raise and that this needs bringing to the attention of the Full Council.

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

Cllr Burnett proposed that the Mayor try an online quiz. Cllr Cooper agreed and thanked her for the suggestion.

Action: The Clerk, Cllr Burnett and the Clerk agreed to progress this and the Clerk said she'd set up an informal Zoom meeting to progress this further.

c) Civic Service

The Committee agreed that this should remain an agenda item for consideration when restrictions ease.

EC/20-21/2/10 To receive and note the committee's budget expenditure 2020/21 to date and to recommend any changes.

The Clerk informed that there has nor been any expenditure from the budget other than the Christmas Tree and Light costs.

EC/20-21/2/11 To receive any items from the Chair or Clerk.

Cllr Dymond noted the importance of partnership working in the coming year as the community emerges from the Covid restrictions.

EC/20-21/2/12 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. Musical Night in the Town Hall
- e. Kidsgrove by the Sea
- f. Barn Dance
- g. 80's night
- h. Wrestling and Boxing Nights
- i. Interschool sports day
- j. Any further suggestions

It was agreed to put the regular markets on the next agenda for the committee. In preparation, the Clerk will contact Newcastle Borough Council for some information.

EC/20-21/2/13 To agree the time of the next meeting: The next meeting will take place on the 22nd March 2021.

The meeting concluded at 20:05