

# Events and Community Committee

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## Minutes of the Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 7pm at The Victoria Hall

- EC/21-22/1/1 Present**
- Cllr S Dymond (chair), Cllr Dickens, Cllr G Burnett  
In attendance: S Davies Town Clerk, E Norton Assistant Clerk
- EC/21-22/1/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence.**
- Apologies were received from Cllr A Cooper.
- EC/21-22/1/3 To note declarations of Members Interests**
- None received.
- EC/21-22/1/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.**
- The minutes of the meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were approved by all those present.
- EC/21-22/1/5 Public Participation (A period of not exceeding 15 minutes for the press or public to make comments.**
- No members of the public present.
- EC/21-22/1/6 To receive nominations for and to consider and agree non-councillor appointments to the Events and Community Committee for 2021-2022.**
- J Locke and W Richings were nominated and agreed by a majority show of hands to be co-opted onto the Events and Community Committee as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position, leaving the 3<sup>rd</sup> position currently free.
- Action: The office to contact both J Locke and W Richings to advise of appointments.*

EC/21-22/1/7

**Matters arising from the meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**

It was discussed that Party in the Park would be likely to take place in 2022 and that planning will need to commence around November 2021.

EC/21-22/1/8

**To consider potential ways that the Council might recognise/celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee in June 2022 and to agree any actions. (Note – this is an initial scoping for ideas).**

It was discussed to hold events over the period of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The budget is currently at £2500 for the celebration.

It was agreed that Party in the Park would still go ahead but may need to be held at another time, or alternatively incorporated into the event. It was agreed to consider this further at the next meeting although holding at a separate time was favoured.

An idea was raised to hold a 'Garden Party' family event to include a picnic, music/orchestra, stalls, party/children's entertainers etc. A suggested date of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022 was put forward.

It was noted that a contingency plan would be needed in case of bad weather, possibly using the Victoria Hall. This request would need to go to full council.

A commemorative panel was also discussed, involving local schools. Planting a tree was another idea discussed.

The Clerk informed that any decision around an event would require approval at Full Council.

To as agreed to put on next agenda regarding having a beacon possibly on the Victoria Hall.

*Actions:*

*The Clerk to contact NULBC to ask about the possibility of speakers for music being used and the possible permitting of alcohol onto the site.*

*The Clerk to enquire about possibilities for a beacon.*

EC/21-22/1/9

**To consider and discuss the re-implementation of markets into Kidsgrove and to agree any actions.**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted NULBC to discuss the possibility and process and is awaiting to hear back from them.

The format of the markets and whether they should be regular or occasional was also discussed.

It was also asked who would run the organisation of the market and what role NULBC would play.

*Action: The Clerk to pursue and bring back a report to the next meeting.*

EC/21-22/1/10

**Christmas Town Decorations: To consider and agree the way forward to progress the improvements to the Parish's Christmas decorations including the Town Centre, Mow Cop and Talke and Butt Lane.**

The Clerk advised GO Kidsgrove have further decorations, but we would need to coordinate with them to arrange installation. Also, we have a budget for 2021-2022 for more Christmas decorations throughout the parish.

It was noted that the Council should consider Mow Cop and Talke Pits as potential further sites for Christmas trees. A site was used at Mow Cop in 2020 but that the possibility of providing electricity needs deciding. A couple of sites at Talke Pits have been identified as potential sites but will be dependent on arranging an electricity supply.

It was agreed a Tree Surgeon is required to look at the tree opposite the Victoria Hall as it has 'outgrown, its lights which are now mostly obscured.

It was agreed that the Council needs to approach the Butt Lane shops to ask their thoughts on Christmas lights and decorations before proceeding.

*Actions:*

*The Clerk to contact a couple of firms to see what can be advised in regards Christmas decorations and to begin discussions with the Butt Lane shops.*

EC/21-22/1/11

**To discuss and agree arrangements for events for consideration in the next financial year.**

**a) Christmas Market and light switch on.**

It was agreed that stall holders need contacting and should pay upfront with monies to go into the Mayor's Charity Event.

The agreed date is the 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

**b) Christmas Pantomime**

The Clerk reported that the pantomime will be held on Boxing Day 2021. The committee approved the cost of £995 and it was noted that further quotes will not formally be sought for this year as the firm have experience in operating in the Victoria Hall, always receive good reviews, and a google search indicated competitor costs are comparable. The show will be Dick Whittingham with a 5.00pm start although they will require entry to the hall at 2.30pm for set up.

The Clerk noted that the deposit requires paying and will organise this.

The ticket Sales will be payable to the Town Council to off-set some of the costs and the pricing can be agreed at the next meeting.

The Clerk suggested using the event to raise money for the Mayor's charities such as charity buckets or a raffle.

The Clerk confirmed the company are allowing cancellations due to Covid if required.

**c) Reels of Wheels**

It was agreed to not arrange anymore Reels on Wheels at present.

**d) Beer Festival**

The format of this event was discussed. The following was raised or agreed:

- Whether it should just be a beer festival or should also include wine tasting.
- It was agreed to ask the local public houses and local retailers of their interest to take part.
- Could the Council’s twinning in France and the wineries be incorporated?
- Could there also be a gin festival?

It was agreed that the event would be better moved to the January to March period.

**e) Others**

The Clerk advised there is an event being held by a private company in the school holidays in February aimed at children.

**EC/21-22/1/12**

**Mayor support and Charity Events:**

**a) To receive a statement of accounts for the 2020-2021 Mayoral fundraising year. (Appendix 1).**

The committee received the Mayor’s statement of accounts for the 2020-2021 civic year. It was noted that the Mayor was unable to hold many events due to Covid restrictions and, as such, had done very well to raise any money

The Clerk is going to look into the £6 bank charges on the account to try and get these removed.

**b) To receive a general update summary from the Mayor on the Mayor’s functions.**

The Clerk spoke on behalf of the Mayor. The Mayor has attended a shop opening and has also attended the Crewe Town Council Civic Service. There are plans to set a date for a civic service in Kidsgrove.

**c) To receive an update on the Mayor’s charity fundraising and to discuss option and support for future events.**

This item was deferred.

**EC/21-22/1/13**

**To receive a budget update related to the committee (See appendix 3).**

The budget update was received by the committee.

**EC/21-22/1/14**

**To review the five-year plan related to the committee.**

The Committee reviewed the five-year plan and some minor changes were suggested:

H14 - G Burnett brought to the attention, that 8 Lollipop vacancies are available throughout Kidsgrove.

TC5 – Date added Start 2021

TC9 – Date added 2021-2022. Budget added £12,000.

EC1 – Date added 2021-2022 – Comments; to put on agenda for next meeting.

EC3 – Date added 2022 – Comments; suggestion of Career’s open day. To put on agenda for next meeting.

EC4 – Comments; Youth provision set-up but did not meet because of Covid. Clerk to set up another meeting and check who to invite.

EC5 – Comments; G Burnett has visited in the last few years. Discussions of arranging visits with the schools. To put on the agenda for the next meeting how we might forge a link on a smaller scale.

To be added as a future item in the five-year plan. To look at music events in the community.

**EC/21-22/1/15**

**To receive any items from the Chair or Clerk.**

The Clerk raised correspondence about the beacons for the Queens Platinum Jubilee which had already been discussed.

**EC/21-22/1/16**

**To consider and agree potential further events (suggested at the last meeting or raised since) for 2021 or subsequent years including any actions required prior to the next meeting.**

- a. Artisan Markets – as discussed.
- b. Regular Markets – as discussed.
- c. Barge Markets – a meeting required with Canal and River Trust to begin looking into this. The Clerk to arrange.
- d. ‘Kidsgrove by the Sea’ – to keep note for future.
- e. Barn Dance - to keep note for future.
- f. 80’s night - to keep note for future.
- g. Wrestling and Boxing Nights - to keep note for future.
- h. Interschool sports day - to keep note for future.
- i. Any further suggestions

**EC/21-22/1/17**

**To agree the time of the next meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The meeting concluded at 20:36pm