

# Events and Community Committee

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## Minutes of the Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 7pm at The Victoria Hall

- EC/21-22/2/1 Present**
- Cllr S Dymond, Cllr D Allport, Cllr G Burnett, J Locke (Go Kidsgrove)  
In attendance: S Davies - Clerk, E Norton - Assistant Clerk
- EC/21-22/2/2 To receive and consider apologies for absence.**
- Apologies were received from Cllr A Cooper and Cllr C Dickens
- EC/21-22/2/3 To note declarations of Members Interests**
- None declared.
- EC/21-22/2/4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**
- The minutes of the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 were approved by all those present, pending check on whether apologies were received by J Locke apologies and if so, added to the minutes.
- EC/21-22/2/5 Public Participation (A period of not exceeding 15 minutes for the press or public to make comments.**
- No members of the public present.
- EC/21-22/2/6 Matters arising from the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 not covered elsewhere on the agenda.**
- There were no further matters to be discussed other than those already on the agenda.

EC/21-22/2/7

**To further consider plans for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 and to agree any actions including having a beacon.**

The Clerk outlined that the country will be lighting beacons on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. It is believed the Council have their own beacon, stored at The Victoria Hall and the office will attempt to locate this and confirm. The Clerk was also asked to liaise with Audley Parish Council, Odd Rode Parish Council and the Borough Council to establish their plans. It was noted that if a new beacon is required, the price may be approximately £500.

To accompany the lighting of the beacon, the idea of having an event in The Victoria Hall on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 was discussed with live musical entertainment and possibly, the Town Mayor’s proclamation will also be delivered at this event too.

There were further discussions on the ‘Garden Party’ that would be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Clough Hall Park. Members of the public would be invited to bring a picnic to the event and musical entertainment would be provided. Consideration of vendors to provide food and drink were also discussed.

It was agreed to hold Party in the Park at another time in the year.

It was noted a contingency plan needs to be put in place in case of bad weather.

*Actions:*

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

*The Clerk to check with local surrounding areas regarding the Beacon lighting, and confirm timing.*

*J Locke to ask the choir their interest for the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June.*

EC/21-22/2/8

**Christmas Market, light switch on and other decorations: To receive progress and consider further actions.**

The Clerk gave an update to the committee regarding the Christmas Lights in the Parish:

CMK Electrical will be coming to discuss and offer advice and give quotes in regards to the lighting in Kidsgrove town and for the tree opposite the Town Hall. The possibly of having lights displayed through Butt Lane will also be investigated.

It was raised by Cllr Dymond that the Christmas tree in Butt Lane could be sponsored by local businesses. In previous years, the tree has been donated by Dartington’s.

Go Kidsgrove has a collection of Christmas lights to be used in Kidsgrove, and the CMK will be asked for suggested sites to determine their most suitable placement.

The Christmas Market and Light Switch on will take place Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. A call for stallholders has been sent out and some confirmed bookings have been made. The price of a stall will be £15 and £5 if the stall is for Charity. More promotion of the event now needs to be distributed via posters and social media.

*Actions:*

*The Clerk to have the meeting with the CMK Electric in regards to the Christmas lights. J Locke to also attend to discuss the stock of lights held by Go Kidsgrove.*

*Cllr Dymond to approach Butt Lane businesses in regards sponsoring a Christmas tree.  
The office to send out advertisement material in regards the Christmas Market and  
Light switch on. All members to help share via social media.*

**EC/21-22/2/9**

**Remembrance Day 2021 – To discuss and initiate arrangements.**

Remembrance Sunday will be 14<sup>th</sup> November this year, 2021. The poppy appeal starts the 28<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Dymond is proceeding with the order of wreaths in her role in the Royal British Legion. The Clerk asked her to ensure the KTC logo will be included.

*Actions:*

*The Clerk to request license for the road closure to hold the annual parade.*

*Zoom meeting to be arranged with the Royal British Legion.*

**EC/21-22/2/10**

**To receive an update on the re-implementation of markets into Kidsgrove and to agree any actions.**

The Clerk updated in regards discussions with NULBC on the return of a Kidsgrove Market. Some work would be involved but it was agreed it was possible, but NULBC would not be likely to manage the project.

Their suggestion was to make it a ‘Pop-up’ style market where the stallholders bring their own stalls/tables. Decisions on what kind of market/s would need to be made eg. Artisan, Crafts, Farmers etc.

Ideally the market would be held on alternative days to the NULBC markets. Location within Kidsgrove would need to be investigated further, taking into consideration matters such as existing shops and parking. Discussions were had about using Bathpool park.

*Actions:*

*Explore private companies running markets and discuss the possibilities further with NULBC.*

**EC/21-22/2/11**

**To discuss and agree arrangements for other events during the coming financial year.**

a. Christmas Pantomime

The Christmas clerk reported that, as already agreed, the Pantomime will be held on Boxing Day (Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December) and the show will be Dick Whittingham. Tickets prices were discussed, and it was agreed to charge the same prices as in 2019. It was affirmed that tickets would need be purchased through the office. The possibility of having soft drinks available to purchase on the night were discussed if there is no bar available, but people attending can also bring their own refreshments.

*Actions:*

*The office to create tickets and begin advertising the event, using material from the Pantomime company.*

- b. Beer Festival

It was agreed to consider holding the Beer Festival during the quieter months of January – March and this will be discussed with the new bar tender when in place.

**EC/21-22/2/12**

**Mayor Support and Charity Events:**

- a. To receive a general update summary from the Mayor on the Mayor's Functions.

The Mayor's updates were read by The Clerk. She awaits the new vicar at St Thomas Civic events and possible dates and will update when possible. Starting to collect items such as Tombola raffle and hamper prizes and hamper for the Christmas Market and further donations welcome, please send into the office.

- b. To receive an update on the Mayor's charity fundraising and to discuss option and support for future events.

Nothing to update.

**EC/21-22/2/13**

**To receive a budget update related to the committee. (See appendix 1).**

The clerk updated that the only expenditure so far has been the deposit for the Pantomime.

It was noted the at £2500 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event will more likely be spent in the next financial year and therefore would be earmarked what is left over.

It was also noted that as 'Reels on Wheels' will no longer be ongoing due to the lack of interest, the £500 from this line could be transferred elsewhere. This will need to be discussed at Full Council.

The suggestion of purchasing bunting for the Queens Jubilee event was discussed. The Clerk agreed to add bunting and decorations for this event onto a future meeting's agenda.

**EC/21-22/2/14**

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

None received.

J Locke provided information on a project currently in progress called the "Kidsgrove Inspiration Pathway Project". Aspire working with Go Kidsgrove and the local schools are working to give people opportunities they wouldn't usually be able to do. The Clerk to contact the organiser to find out more and invite to the next Events and Committee meeting. J Locke will provide the contact details to the Clerk.

J Locke invited the committee to a meeting with the art organisation Appetite, to find out more about their planned projects in Kidsgrove on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30 at Jessie's Tea Room. Following on from this, there will also be a Go Kidsgrove meeting at 6.30pm, which the committee are also invited to.

**EC/21-22/2/15**

**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
- b. Regular Markets
- c. Barge Markets
- d. 'Kingsgrove by the Sea'
- e. Barn Dance
- f. 80s night
- g. Wrestling and Boxing Nights
- h. Interschools Sports Day - To be put on for the agenda for the next meeting.  
The Clerk to speak to schools to gain any interest.
- i. Any further suggestions

**EC/21-22/2/16**

**To agree the time of the next meeting: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

The meeting concluded at 20:15pm.