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## **KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL**

### **EVENTS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Meeting started: 7.00pm Concluded: 8.28pm

Present:- Cllr Jill Waring (chair), Cllr Sylvia Dymond, Cllr Jason Owen and Cllr Paul Waring

Officer: Nicola Antoney Town Clerk

Also present were Roy Barber, Denise Coffey and Sue Oakleigh-Dunn

#### **EC/24-25/04/01 Apologies**

Apologies were received and approved from  
Cllr Gill Burnett-Faulkner (personal)  
Cllr Kevin Johnson (health)

#### **EC/24-25/04/02 Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests**

None declared.

#### **EC/2024-25/04/03 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** that the previous minutes be approved as a true and accurate record.

#### **EC/2024-25/04/04 Public Participation**

None

## EC/2024-25/04/05 Events for 2025/2026

Members and clerk discussed the following items

- a) **Dementia Café** – The clerk advised that café was going well and was well attended.
- b) **Community Day** – Cllr Dymond updated the committee on the Community Day which is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> April, she advised the buffet was booked, the artist was booked and that community groups been invited. The times were 1pm – 4pm.
- c) **VE Day** – This was currently still being considered and one of the things discussed was a street party theme, possibly in the evening. Invite the 1940 club to help decorate the hall and provide some memorabilia for the occasion.
- d) **Remembrance Sunday** – Denise Coffey spoke in regard to the decorating of route and where she was up to with the planning, advised to seek all permissions. Local schools and business are being contacted as well as local groups, the police cadets and local athletics club.
- e) **Light Switch On, Christmas Market and Parade** – the current town Christmas lights were discussed, the age, the cost and durability of the current lights. It was also discussed the logistics of increasing and improving the current Christmas lights. The committee discussed making the whole event bigger, potential sponsorship was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk contacts Alsager to discuss their Christmas lights and to also contact potential companies to discuss the needs and costings of increasing the lights.
- f) **2026 Panto** - this year panto was discussed and how it came to be, it was advised that it was always a town council event, whilst some advised they thought it to be a mayoral event. The clerk asked would staff be required for this event and advised no, apart from hall staff for set up. It was mentioned traditionally it was the mayor's family that helped out at this event and helped raise funds for the mayor's charity.

## EC/2024-25/04/06 Kidsgrove Heritage Gallery Proposal

At full council meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, it the resolution of the council to delegate to the Committee the overseeing of this project. An update was given on the project to date. Members discussed the importance of preserving of Kidsgrove heritage. It was again agreed that any visits to the Town Hall must be authorised by the Town Clerk/Office

It was **RESOLVED** to form a working group to oversee the project and report back to the committee or the Full Council. Members of this working group to consist of Cllr Paul Waring, Cllr Sylvia Dymond and the Town Clerk.

## EC/2024-25/04/07 Easter Competition

Members discussed the success of the Christmas competition and how well it had been received and were fully supportive of an easter one especially when it incorporates our local business and encourages people to visit them. Members also discussed the easter egg competition and were supportive of this, and that it could all be incorporated together along with the Lamb trail.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the Easter Egg competition and the Window Competition and to delegate to the Clerk to progress.

## EC/2024-25/04/08 Kidsgrove Christmas Lights.

Members had already discussed the Christmas Lights during agenda item 4e, and it was agreed for the clerk to reach out to Alsager and enter talks in regard to their Christmas light and to contact some contractors as to costings for new or hired lights.

## EC/2024-25/04/04 Date of the Next Meeting

To note the date, time and venue of the next meeting scheduled for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.00pm, Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4EL

Signed ..... Date .....

Monthly breakdown of Receipts and Payments

Cost Centre 8 (Between 01/04/2025 and 31/03/2026)

	Budget	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	Variance
<b>PAYMENTS</b>															
<b>Events and Communit</b>															
Christmas Lights	4,500.00														4,500.00
Christmas Switch On	500.00														500.00
Pantomime	1,300.00	150.00											150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
D-Day/VE Day Activities	1,000.00		610.23	29.86									640.09	359.91	359.91
Events - Other	1,500.00	162.55	875.75	74.49									1,112.79	387.21	387.21
Lantern Parade	3,500.00													3,500.00	3,500.00
Remembrance Sunday	1,000.00													1,000.00	1,000.00
Beer Festival															
Kidsgrove LAP															
Christmas Market	200.00														200.00
	<b>13,500.00</b>	<b>312.55</b>	<b>1,485.98</b>	<b>104.35</b>											
													<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,902.88</b>	
													<b>Variance:</b>	<b>11,597.12</b>	

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														<b>Variance:</b>	<b>674.43</b>

Update :

Peace Garden Planting Butt Lane

Sue Woodward

We had a lovely morning up at the Peace Garden with myself Sylvia Dave Mark and our work experience pupil Brooke

The children and teachers from Reginald Mitchell came over and got stuck in..

We planted all the flowers and veggies and it looked fabulous...

The children were from various classes and all attended the Eco Warrior Club at school

They used the new gloves we had purchased for them and were on task all through none of them lost interest which was great.

A few photos below:



## **Report of Assistant Clerk – Sue Woodward**

VE 80 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Kidsgrove Town Hall

We had a week of VE80 celebrations and it all went off really well I can report.

Kicked off with the Ceremony on the morning of 8<sup>th</sup> May along with many others countrywide. Attended with tea and biscuits after which allowed for a nice community feel in the Refreshment room with everyone chatting.

Following on from this the Evening of 8<sup>th</sup> May we had our Beacon lighting at the Memorial Gardens, it was a beautiful night still with no wind and the whole thing was very emotional and moving with a good turnout out from Kidsgrove Community.

The big one was our Saturday Street Party which was a big big event but was enjoyed by all.. Food from the Lunchbox at Buttlane music from the Ukelele Band and also the superb Opera Singer Joy Sidley Brookes ...

Bunting and an army truck added to the ambience of the 1940s kindly provided by Colin Porter.

Lessons learned:

Check for wheelchair users

Get a compere to keep it flowing

Sandwich trays mixed ready to go

Flags for waving

Make it 2 hour event maybe 1.30 – 3.30

Opera Singer in middle as some had left when she came on.

Mayor to do a speech