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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30th 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/25-26/01/01 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 13th 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 12th 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 23rd 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 30th January 2025 at 7.00pm, Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4EL

Signed Date

Detailed Budget Summary

Cost Centre 8 (Between 01/04/2025 and 17/10/2025)

Events and Community		Last Year 2024 - 2025				Current Year 2025-2026								Next Year	
		Receipts		Payments		Receipts				Payments				Receipts	Payments
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total	Budget	Budget
47	Christmas Lights			5,000.00	4,375.00					4,500.00					
48	Christmas Switch On			1,000.00	1,307.30					500.00					
49	Pantomime			1,200.00	1,195.00					1,300.00	150.00		150.00		
50	D-Day/VE Day Activities			2,000.00	537.73					1,000.00	640.09		640.09		
51	Events - Other			1,500.00	406.34					1,500.00	1,232.04		1,232.04		
52	Lantern Parade									3,500.00					
53	Remembrance Sunday			1,000.00	615.35					1,000.00	35.81		35.81		
64	Beer Festival				1,738.61		674.43		674.43						
71	Kidsgrove LAP		483.31												
72	Christmas Market		247.50		79.36					200.00					
SUB TOTAL			730.81	11,700.00	10,254.69		674.43		674.43	13,500.00	2,057.94		2,057.94		

Summary

TOTAL		730.81	11,700.00	10,254.69		674.43		674.43	13,500.00	2,057.94		2,057.94			
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