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KIDSGROVE TOWN COUNCIL

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23rd October 2025

Meeting started: 7.00pm Concluded: 7.42pm

Present:- Cllr Kevin Johnson (chair), Cllr Jason Owen and Cllr Paul Waring

Officer: Nicola Antoney Town Clerk

Sue Woodward Assistant Clerk

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EC/25-26/01/01 Apologies

Apologies were received and approved from
Cllr Jonathan Gullis (personal)
Cllr David Grocott (personal)
Cllr Jill Waring (personal)

EC/25-26/01/02 Declaration of Pecuniary and Other Interests

None declared.

EC/25-26/01/03 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th January 2025

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

EC/25-26/01/04 Public Participation

An update was circulated and discussed by Kidsgrove Core regarding the Remembrance Day

EC/25-26/01/05 Budget To Date

Members discussed the events budget. Clerk advised that next year the office was hoping to get some sponsors towards the Christmas Lights so that this can be put towards some additional lighting. The Switch On was discussed along the pantomime. D Day Events was discussed and whether this line was required as it was a special event as we had the other budget line Events- Other. Both the Lantern Parade and Remembrance Sunday was discussed and the budget required for both events. The Clerk advised that the Christmas Market budget was just in case anything was required for the market, for example printing, small prizes.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree note and propose the following budget for recommendation to Full Council:

- a) To note the budget to date
- b) To agree to the following budget recommendation to full council
 - 47 Christmas Lights = £4500
 - 48 Christmas Switch On = £500
 - 49 Pantomime = £1300
 - 51 Events – Other = £1500
 - 52 Lantern Parade = £3500
 - 53 Remembrance Sunday = £1000
 - 72 Christmas Market = £200

It was agreed to remove D Day Events from budget line

EC/25-26/01/06 Events for 2025 - 2026

Remembrance Parade

The Clerk advised that the road application had been applied for and awaiting confirmation, a meeting was held with the road closure company, and it was agreed due to the issues that occurred during last year that a 3rd operative would be in place.

Christmas 2025

Members discussed the Lantern Parade; a member of Go Kidsgrove advised that the work shops were all in hand and on the following dates: Saturday 15th and 22nd of November with the Lantern Parade on 29th November. The parade route was discussed, and the logistics of the current route due to the size of the parade now, which had significantly grown over the years and a new route was proposed. This would entail the band and the parade to continue without the need to stop at the town hall and struggle to turn round and restart. The new route will start from St Thomas on The Avenue come to the lights and turn avenue and then at the lights turn up Heathcote Street onto King Street. It will miss out Liverpool Road and the Town Hall, Carols would now be performed at the Tree on King Street along with the Choir and Brass Band. Small fairground rides will be located in the semi circle in front of the shop on King Street. It is hoped to have a character attend like last year. A potential of gazebos was proposed for the brass band and the choir subject to weather conditions, a potential trailer with sides was discussed and whether that would be an option if the weather forecast is against us?

The Mayors Charity Santa run update was that the Mayor could not attend this year and a call out to all Cllrs to be done. The Clerk advised the date was 11th December however she would need to confirm this.

Members were advised that a real tree was going in King Street this year, and that due to the issues of the tree opposite the Town Hall that this was now not practical to be used due to the style of tree it is and that every year the council is having to pay for repairs to the tree lights and every year they keep breaking. The Clerk advised that this would be looked at for next year, however with the new hall lights and that soe additional new lights were to be sourced for the outside of the Town Hall.

EC/25-26/01/07 Date of the Next Meeting

To note the date, time and venue of the next meeting to be confirmed 2025 at 7.00pm, Victoria Hall, Liverpool Road Kidsgrove Staffordshire ST7 4EL

Signed **Date**