

**Bishop Auckland Town Council
Community Committee
30th May 2023
Minutes**

Present: Councillor K Lawson, (Chairman) and Councillors, K Eliot, M Harker

Also present: Sarah Harris Town Clerk and Vicki Booth Assistant Town Clerk,

CC23/01 Apologies for absence – Cllr L Zair

Resolved: that the Apologies were accepted.

CC23/02 Declarations of interest – Cllr K Eliot declared an interest with Christmas Town event organisers.

Resolved: that the declaration was noted

CC23/03 Public Participation – No members of the public were in attendance.

CC23/04 Terms of Reference – were presented as this is a new committee.

Resolved: That all members agreed terms of reference

CC23/05 Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting 15 February 2022

Resolved: It was agreed that minutes approved.

CC23/06 Events & community Engagement Update

CC23/06.1 Youth Awards – an update was provided on the event.

Resolved: that members thanked TC & ATC for their efforts in securing the sponsors for this event.

CC23/06.2 Allotment Awards – details of the awards programme was presented.

Resolved: that members South Church should also be involved in the allotment awards. Agreed £50 B&Q voucher to be included with the prize shield.

CC23.06.3 Green Fair – details of the Council's involvement in the event were presented.

Resolved: that members recognise the efforts the town council will be making towards the event

CC23/06.4 Heritage Festival details of the event were presented. Since the last update the HAZ officer had left DCC. Meaning that there would be more for the work for BATC to coordinate.

Resolved: that members agreed that BATC to continue to coordinate the event for 2023 and report back to Community Committee and a project plan to be in put in place and oversight. (approach Story Tellers, poss Julie Ward) (walking tours) (Ask re slippage of funds) Bring back as regular item.)

CC23/06.5 Remembrance Sunday Planning - update on the progress.

Resolved: that members agreed for next community committee have a proposal and project plan update, but in the mean time the road closure company used in 2022 be booked. PA system to be priced.

CC23/07 Future Events 2024

D Day 80th Anniversary – Beacon to be lit but no other programme issued as yet.

Signed Chair:

Resolved: that members agreed an event should take place giving the strong military connections in Bishop Auckland. Involve Youth Cadets, 8th Rifles etc. Project plan to come to next committee. Names read out or plaque put up somewhere in town. Bring back as regular item.

Food Festival 2024

Resolved: that members agreed that this item to be taken back to full council to decide on our vision and what we want to achieve from having a stall at this event.

CC23/08 Community Engagement DCC Strategic Advisory Group, they have been going to Fore Bondgate association and no wider. It was talked about there being a business forum and BATC to set up, proposed date 12th June at BATC offices.

Resolved: that a brief required, purpose of meeting, content needs to be right, need volunteers to help to make it a success. Send out what pulled together to the group and response by Fri 2nd. That Harley & Katie volunteer for leaflet drop.

Cockton Hill School – support the young people’s vision

Resolved: that more information would be needed, but the council would be happy to help the young people connect with more community groups in the town.

Christmas Town Update – Budget of £15k, do we want that to be a grant (with oversight) or we look to have much bigger say on how the money is spent and do we have the Friday as BATC party again or spread across the weekend? If donate then want a business plan in place.

Resolved: that the working group are to recommended a proposal to full council in July.