

Minutes of a **MEETING** of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** held at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE, 2017** at 5.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Brownson (Chair), and Councillors Blackburn, Chappell and L Zair

Also Present: Sheila Horner (Assistant Town Clerk)

EC.7/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Allen and Cullen

EC.8/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

EC.9/17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

EC.10/17 YOUTH AWARDS 2017

Consideration was given to a report updating members with regard to arrangements for the 2017 Youth Awards. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted arrangements for the presentation evening which would be held on 26th June 2017.

RECOMMENDED: That the information be noted.

EC.11/17 HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Consideration was given to a report updating members with regard to arrangements for the 2017 Horticultural Show. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted arrangements for the Horticultural Show, together with proposals from St. Anne's Church, Auckland Castle Trust and Durham County Council to hold events which were peripheral, but connected to the Horticultural Show to encourage participation and attendance.

RECOMMENDED: That the information be noted

EC.12/17 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Consideration was given to a report giving details of arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, which would take place on 13th November 2017. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that a proposal by the Parade Marshall, SAC Danial Barron, to hold a parade was being investigated. The parade would be organised by the 2505 Air Cadets and the Royal British Legion.

A meeting was to take place with organizing partners to discuss arrangements.

RECOMMENDED: That the actions be endorsed.

EC.13/17 SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report giving details of activities which were being arranged by Durham County Council to be held on Wednesday, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August in the Market Place and Town Hall. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Signed:
Chair

Members considered the Town Council's involvement in the activity programme, which was aimed at inspiring the community to engage in cultural and physical activities, to have fun and to encourage families to visit the Market Place, Town Hall and make use of local businesses.

- RECOMMENDED:**
1. That a contribution of £2,000 be allocated to the Summer Family Activity Programme
 2. That the Council be given credit for participation in the scheme and the Council logo be shown on any publicity material

EC.14/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council excluded the press and public for the remaining items on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

EC.15/17 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Consideration was given to a report relating to arrangements for the Council's Christmas Celebrations 2017. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members were reminded that it had previously been decided that the event should be held on 1st December 2017 and that an external events company to help manage and minimise the Council's exposure to risk. (Minute No EC.6/16 refers).

Detailed consideration was given to a proposed event schedule and estimated costs.

- RECOMMENDED:**
1. That the proposed event schedule be agreed
 2. That investigations into a suitable minor celebrity be investigated.