

for the event Minutes of a **MEETING** of the **EVENTS COMMITTEE** held at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018** at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Brownson (Chairman), and Councillors Blackburn, Chappell and Tucker

**Also Present:** Sheila Horner (Assistant Town Clerk)

**EC.12/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Allen and Cullen

**EC.13/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**EC.14/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**EC.15/18 FEEDBACK ON RECENT EVENTS**

**Youth Awards**

Members considered a report and were provided with feedback from the Youth Awards presentation evening held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (for copy see file of Minutes).

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**EC.16/18 HORTICULTURAL AND PRODUCE SHOW**

Consideration was given to a report updating members with regard to arrangements for the 2018 Horticultural Show which would be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September (For copy see file of Minutes).

- RECOMMENDED:**
1. That the information be noted.
  2. That the purchase of bronze and silver Chrysanthemum Society medals be agreed.
  3. That the sponsorship of the Poppy Picture by Bishop Auckland and Coundon in Bloom be agreed.

**EC.17/18 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Consideration was given to a report giving details of arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, which would take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**RECOMMENDED:** That the information be noted.

**EC.18/18 SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to an update on details of arrangements for Summertime Activities which will take place in the Town Hall and Market Place running on the four Wednesdays in August (For copy see file of Minutes). The Lego Block Party Event had successfully sold out on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, and it was hoped that this level of interest in the further two Wednesday's would continue.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**Signed:** .....  
**Chair**

**EC.19/18 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.20/18 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

Detailed consideration was given to a report relating to arrangements for the Council's Christmas Celebrations which would be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Particular consideration was given to the provision of fairground rides via Stanley Events.

Members were of the opinion that the cost of the rides in 2017 was too expensive at £2.50 per ride. It was suggested that the Showman's Guild be contacted to discuss possible options, if any, to reduce the charge so that more families were able to enjoy the event.

Members gave consideration to content for an entertainment schedule. It was suggested that as the Police Interceptors were so popular last year, that they be invited back again this year. Schools, groups and organisations would be approached to determine if they would be interested in performing on the stage, along with Carol singing by the town's junior schools.

Members noted that Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP had warmly welcomed the idea of being involved in the event. The AAP would hold their 'Priorities' event in the Town Hall, and contribute £650 towards advertising and a Santa's Grotto which would be free of charge to the public, to encourage footfall into the Town Hall to enable them to get a good number of responses to their consultation.

- RECOMMENDED:**
1. That the information be noted and actions endorsed
  2. That the overall estimated event costs be agreed
  3. That the Showman's Guild be contacted to discuss possible options, if any, to reduce the charge so that more families were able to enjoy the event.
  4. That schools and organisations be invited to contribute to an entertainment programme.