

A meeting of the Events Committee was held at 54 Kingsway on Monday 14th June 2021 at 4.00pm.

Present: Councillor Brownson (Chairman), and Councillors Blackburn, Eliot and Siddle

Also Present: Sarah Harris (Town Clerk) Caitlin Boylan (Events and Projects Officer)

EC1/21 Agree Notice of Motion - agreed

EC2/21 Apologies for absence – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor H Balmer-Howieson and Councillor L. Zair

EC3/21 Declarations of interest - To record declarations of interest from members on any item on the agenda, including. any interest prejudicial or personal as recorded on the Members register of interests.

EC4/21 Public Participation - There were no members of the public in attendance.

EC5/21 Events programme

EC6/21.1 NHS Day

Members considered the report and agreed that hampers should be provided to both Bishop Auckland General Hospital and three GP surgeries in Bishop Auckland with a total of 16 hampers to be shared between the sites.

Resolved:

- That members agreed to a maximum budget of £500.00
- That partnership working for NHS Day should be explored

EC7/21.2 Horticulture and Town Show

Members considered the report and agreed to re-name the Horticulture and Produce Show to Horticulture and Town Show. Members agreed use Number42 as the event venue and the inclusion of The Auckland Project logo on event collateral. Members agreed to sponsorship of categories but felt this should be none financial in nature. Members of Events Committee discussed involving other Town Council members in the judging of classes.

Resolved:

- That a total budget of £3,500.00 be used for the Horticulture and Town Show as per previous years
- That the event is to take place in Number42 on Saturday 25th September
- That professional judges are used and paid for their time as per previous years

EC8/21.3 Youth Awards

Members agreed that Bishop Auckland Town Council should postpone the Youth Awards completely for 2021 and bring the Youth Awards back into the diary for April, May or June 2022.

Signed:
Chair

Resolved:

- That dates for the Youth Awards in 2022 be investigated
- That both Bishop Auckland Town Hall and Bishop Auckland Rugby Club are approached to quote as venue
- That schools are informed in September/October of the 2022 Youth Awards

EC9/21.4 Remembrance Sunday and other Remembrance Events

Members considered the report. Agreement was made to look at increasing the event budget for Remembrance Sunday. Advice was provided to members regarding Track and Trace at the event and confirmed a QR code will be in use.

Resolved:

- That the larger PA system should be used for Remembrance Sunday
- That an increase to the Remembrance event budget will be explored
- That all Covid-19 restrictions/tracking will still be in place if required

EC10/21.5 Christmas

Members considered the report and felt it appropriate to revert back to the large switch on event in Bishop Auckland Market Place. Information was shared that Town Team are looking to have Santa's Grotto so it may be a duplication of effort. More information on the planned Town Team event needs to be gathered.

Resolved:

- That information is gathered for a Market Place event only
- That quotes looked at for Church projections
- That schools are approached to work with for the 2020 event

EC11/21.6 Platinum Jubilee

Members considered the report and agreed that it should be the role of the Town Council to lead on the town wide Jubilee projects. Bishop Auckland Town Council should look to partner with organisations who are likely to host/create Jubilee events. A budget of £10,000 was proposed by the Events Committee for all Jubilee related events.

Resolved:

- That a working group is set up by Bishop Auckland Town Council for Jubilee events
- That a budget of £10,000 is approved by Full Council
- That long term events and engagement is investigated

EC12/21.7 Community Events

Members considered the report and agreed that all Community Event projects should be moved to 2022 after the majority of other Town Events have taken place.

Resolved:

- That Community Events are brought back to the Events Committee in 2022

EC12/21.8 Other Events

Members considered the report and agreed that whilst Bishop Auckland Town Council should look to add new events to the diary, work on the project should move to 2022/2023. Members also agreed that partnership working should be encouraged for new events to avoid duplication.

Resolved:

- That additional events are looked at in 2022/2023
- That a revision of the Events budget is needed to include new events for 2022/2023