

## **Bishop Auckland Town Council**

### **Minutes of an Events Committee held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 5.30pm**

**Present:** - Cllr. L. Brownson (Chairman) Cllrs. L. Zair, M. Siddle

**In attendance:** - Mrs. S. Harris Town Clerk via zoom  
Mr. J. Robinson (locum)

#### **EV 1.0/2021 Apologies**

The following apologies were submitted Cllrs. K. Eliot, J. Blackburn, H. Balmer-Howison

#### **EV 2.0/2010 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr. L.Zair, work related/non-registered being a trader in the Town Centre.

There were no members of the public present so no public participation required.

#### **EV 3.0/2021 Horticulture Show Feedback**

The Town Clerk advised the entries this year were up in number, and the visitors to the show appeared to be at the same level as in previous years. The school input had been excellent and links with them built upon. The venue was excellent and to be considered for 2022. Cllr. Brownson on behalf of the Council wished to register the Councils thanks to the Clerk and all colleagues for a successful show.

#### **EV 4.0/2021 Remembrance Sunday**

The Clerk presented an in-depth report followed by discussion on the arrangements for the 2021 event. Members agreed to work with the British Legion on the event and to liaise with the church to finalize the areas outstanding. Road Closure and Risk Assessment completed. A discussion took place regarding the size of the room being considered in the Church. It was agreed to approach the Town Hall to use their ground floor room.

#### **EV 5.0/2021 Christmas 2021**

The Clerk presented a in-depth report on potential partners in providing various events during the run up To the Christmas Period. It was noted the switch on event was scheduled to be held on Friday 26th November 2021. Members expressed concern at the short notice to the start of the Christmas period and if the events company would be able to provide the service on offer. Members felt the artificial ice rink not to be suitable. Members considered an event organised by the Council directly using local entertainers would be more suitable. Cllr. Brownson offered to MC the event. The cost of the event including extending out from the Town Centre would be in total over £30,000 but partners have advised they can attract most of the money required but it would be a cost to the Council in the region of £9,000. It was agreed the Town Clerk present an options document for consideration at the October Full Council meeting. The Clerk advised members that Council staffing is limited, and assistance would be needed from an external person. Members agreed to the Clerk approaching an ex-consultant to seek her availability and cost.

#### **EV 6.0/2021 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

The Town Clerk advised members that events are now being considered for the weekend, and the need to organise a community meeting across he Town to coordinate events as soon as possible. She reported on initial ideas which includes street parties and a community art project. On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June a National Beacon project is taking place. It was agreed to purchase a Beacon for £491 and take part in the National Celebration event. The siting of the Beacon needs to be confirmed.

#### **EV 7.0/2021 Wall Trees.**

Cllr. L.Zair reported on a request from business in the Town Centre for financial support for the purchase of wall mounted Christmas Trees, which in June 2022 may be used for flag poles. The cost of each bracket/tree will be £70, but the cost to the Council will be £35 as businesses will pay the remainder. It was agreed to recommend to Council supporting the project and if successful to move extend across the Town in 2022.

**Signed:**  
**Mayor at Full Council 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021**