

Bishop Auckland Town Council
Event's Committee
25 July 2022
Minutes

Present: Councillor L Zair, (Chairman) and Councillors Siddle (Vice-Chairman), Blackburn, and S Zair
Also present: Sarah Harris Town Clerk and Vicki Booth Assistant Town Clerk.

EC06/22 Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Eliot and Cllr Chappell.

EC07/22 Declarations of interest – no declarations were made.

EC08/22 Public Participation - No members of the public were present.

EC09/22 Jubilee Volunteer Thank You Event – Members were updated that the event of thanks took place, over 50 people attended and received recognition for their contribution. They received certificates and jubilee medals. Positive feedback from participants was received.

Resolved: That the update was noted and it was agreed that holding events of thanks was beneficial and worked well and that the short video be added to YouTube and uploaded to social media and the website.

EC010/22 Horticulture Show 2022 – An update was provided setting out progress as follows:

- Venue of No. 42 is now booked.
- Infrastructure of tables have been hired.
- All BATC Plot holders have had info on the date via the newsletter.
- Posters, flyers and schedules to be issued in next two weeks
- September newsletter also be to issued.
- Initial engagement has taken place with schools.
- 'Show Crow' window trail in development for second year

Recommended:

That the show will go ahead as usual for 2022, however full de-brief and review of classes, prize money and affiliation will take place following the event due to the costs associated with the event.

That the children classes to be extended and prize money halved to enable it to remain cost neutral.

That the home produce classes to also be looked at to encourage more entrants – classes to be expanded and prizes reduced to cover the cost.

That BATC Rosettes be procured for the Children's classes.

That Best Allotment Competition be brought back per site, with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Judges. Competition to take place end of August/ Early September.

That full media/ promotion plan be developed and shared with the Committee at the next meeting.

EC011/22 - Remembrance 2022 – An update was provided setting out progress as follows:

- Road Closures have been priced

- SAG & RA Developed
- PA System Priced
- Liaison With Rv. Keddiltiy
- Contact made with RBL
- Contact and Liaison with 8th Rifles
- Press articles and promotion to take place from September

Resolved: That members noted the update, that the Mayor would contact the widow of a fallen soldier. That further updates would come to the next meeting.

EC012/22 – Christmas – and update was given on the Christmas Lights situation. New lights would be in place for Newgate Street. The Town Clerk has been working with DCC to see if lights could be procured for more areas, this won't be in place for 2022.

Dates for Christmas Town are 18-20 November 2022 to avoid duplication with other events in other areas. The Event is lead by Bacchanalia and Bridge Creative. BATC had agreed to be a partner in this some time ago.

Resolved:

That the update was noted.

That the Clerk to continue to work with DCC on lights for 2023, including Toronto. Also to continue to engage with DCC Members to see if additional funding can be secured.

That the Town Council Contribution to focus on the Friday night activity of Christmas Town, but support for the full weekend would be given where possible. A carousel is requested as it would provide an additional attraction, potential Angels and Kings Parade along with a stage of entertainment.

That the event can't be a light switch on when only a tree is available for switch on.

That the Town Clerk meets Christmas Town and a report be brought back to the next meeting.

EC013/22 Youth Awards – that the event hasn't been forgotten. Plans in development with potential time line of Easter 2023.

Resolved: That the report be noted and that the Committee would received a further update at the next meeting.

EC014/22 Other Events – This year Jubilee was extra event. Members were asked to think about additional events to add to the programme for 2023-24 ahead of the budget setting in the autumn.

Resolved: that the members noted the report.

EC015/22 Town and Villages Revitalisation fund. Members were advised that this fund was available and the Council could apply with a view to increasing the event programme in 2023-24-25, as the jubilee event activity did increase footfall and help bring income to the businesses of the town.

Resolved: that the Clerk and Deputy work with the Events Chair to develop a bid. The bid to be shared with Members in advance of submission.