

Bishop Auckland Town Council
Event's Committee
01 September 2022
Minutes

Present: Councillor L Zair, (Chairman) and Councillors Blackburn, Eliot and S Zair
Also present: Sarah Harris Town Clerk and Vicki Booth Assistant Town Clerk, Ian, Newgate Centre Manager, and Ben Tinkler from Bridge Creative and Thomas Wales from Bacchanalia.

EC16/22 Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Chappell and Cllr Siddle.

EC17/22 Declarations of interest – no declarations were made.

EC18/22 Public Participation – The new Manager of the Newgate Centre Introduced himself to the committee. No questions were received or asked.

EC19/22 Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting – The minutes were noted and agreed. Actions were all included as agenda items, barring Youth Awards which plans would be addressed and full report brought to next meeting.

Resolved: It was agreed that minutes be agreed and the recommendations be approved.

EC020/22 Horticulture Show 2022 – An update was provided setting out progress as follows:

Horticulture Show

- Schedules have been issued with the recommendations from the previous meeting of changes to prize money in the children's classes,
- Social media posts and promotion of event in place
- Posted handed out to local businesses to display in windows including the show crow trail
- Certificates have been ordered
- Schools to be contacted when they return next week to encourage involvement
- Flyers awaiting to be delivered
- Quotes still being sought for the children's rosettes.

Recommended: That the progress be noted and briefing be given to committee members in advance of the event.

Remembrance Parade

- SAG has been submitted
- Road closure application also submitted
- Road closure company to be agreed today (see attached sheet)
- Meeting with Rev Matt arranged for the 15th Sept
- St John's ambulance booked
- Follow us with 8th Rifles is planned
- Email to be circulated next week regarding the ordering of wreaths
- Contact from Mayor to Widow of fallen soldier to be made now recess is over

EC021/22 - Remembrance 2022 – An update was provided setting out progress as follows:

- Road Closures have been priced

Resolved: That members noted the update, That further updates would come to the next meeting.

EC022/22 – Christmas – A update on the proposals for Christmas Town were given, 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. Options for Town Council involvement has been provided.

Costings for the Town Council to provide a free Santa experience, light switch on event and entertainment across the weekend had been received. Plus costs for a carousel, and an approach from another partner had been made for a Christmas parade had also been made.

The cost to support all of the above was over £30k. this was substantially above the budgeted allocated to the activity.

Discussion was had with the Event creators to get better understanding of the weekend as whole and how the council could support. Whilst is they would like to do everything it is understood that things may need to be scaled back etc, and it could be that the Council just pick some elements to focus on, as the Santa would still go ahead without Council funding and would become a chargeable activity at the weekend rather than being free.

The event organisers were also encourage to apply for other funding sources from DCC elected members and the Area Action Partnership.

Resolved: That the update was noted.
That the Town Council would ideally like to look to support for the full weekend however budgets may not allow this so the committee would like to have further discussions with the Full Town Council on Tuesday 6th September.

EC023/22 Youth Awards – that the event hasn't been forgotten. Plans in development with potential time line of Easter 2023. Details of the proposal will be given at the next meeting.

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

EC025/22 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. Members agreed that basic proposal be submitted to the AAPs next meeting next week where the council could look to commission some events to bring greater footfall into the town, ideas include:

- Castles by the castle

- Character events and teddy bears picnics
- Urban games – table tennis etc
- Street games/ x games – pump track etc for teens
- Multi-cultural event to bring together the wider community
- Eurovision – town event
- Warm hubs for winter
- etc

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.