

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

4TH July 2022, 7.30pm
The Guildhall

Present:

Cllr Rowlands

Cllr Irwin

Cllr Williams

In Attendance:

Louise Bareham (Town Clerk)

Public Questions

Mr Oswald-Jones advised there was an issue with the dates shown on the Community Events and Awareness Calendar concerning the Hop Festival. The official dates were 3rd and 4th September.

Ms Newman asked about the Terms of Reference for the Committee. She could not find the Terms of Reference on the Council website and enquired if anything was stated regarding the measurement of footfall at events.

Cllr Irwin referred to the need for clarification which events the Committee took responsibility for and which metrics it used to determine the success of the events.

The Town Clerk advised that evaluation forms were used for events that funding had been sourced for, including St George's Day and the Jubilee event. The St George's Day event had been busy at designated times with visitors to see the dragon. Exact footfall figures could not be provided at the time due to limited staff or volunteer resources. Footfall figures were being kept for the Magna Carta exhibition, which was much easier to do as visitors were coming to an enclosed space.

008. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllrs Jackson, Perkin, and Reynolds.

009. Declarations of Interest

None

010. Minutes

Cllr Rowlands proposed, seconded by Cllr Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Community Committee dated 6th June 2022.**

011. Community Engagement

Due to members being absent, Cllr Rowlands proposed deferring the review of the existing Community Engagement Strategy until the following meeting. This approach was agreed by Cllrs Irwin and Williams.

012. Community Events and Awareness Calendar

Cllr Rowlands referred to the Calendar being discussed at the Equality and Diversity Working Group. Cllr Perkin had listed events that the Council could get involved in.

It was agreed the Calendar was a useful starting point.

Cllr Rowlands felt the Calendar needed to be presented to the Full Town Council meeting rather than being discussed at separate committees. Cllr Williams referred to social media acknowledgement for certain items such as Plastic Bag Free Day, Dyslexia Awareness and Autism Week as it would not be possible to set up events for every item.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to refer the Community Events and Awareness Calendar to the next Town Council meeting on 11th July 2022.**

The Town Clerk referred to a Halloween event for dogs being investigated by Claire Windridge. Cllr Rowlands asked for a paper detailing the event to be presented. It was agreed that Claire Windridge would provide the paper.

013. Working with Vibe

Cllr Rowlands advised members should have received some leaflets provided by Vibe. Cllr Rowlands, Jackson, and Williams had met with Louise and James to discuss events they were proposing to hold.

The events would be held on 26th July and 24th August. Sports activities would also be run between 25th July and 22nd August and chillout sports sessions between 2nd-22nd August. A further meeting with Vibe would take place on 18th July and plans for the remainder of the year would be discussed. Monthly review meetings would be held to check progress.

The Youth Council would provide a drop-in session for young people to provide ideas of what they would like to see in the town. It was being discussed to use the Guildhall on Wednesday afternoons for this activity.

Cllr Irwin suggested looking at the use of the green space in Lower Road.

014. Items for Report

None