

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Events sub-committee held in the Registrar's Room, Council Offices at 4.00 pm on 31st October 2019

Present: Cllr T Stedman (TS) Cllr J Pearson (JP) Cllr R Golesworthy (RWG)
Cllr J Prothero (JPr)

In attendance: N Burdekin (NB)

TE56. Apologies for absence

Cllr F Howard (FH) Cllr A Powell (AP) Cllr S Morris (SM) Cllr H Davies (HD)
Cllr I Keith (IK) Cllr D Price (DP)

TE57. Minutes of the meeting dated 25th January 2019

The minutes of the meeting dated 25th January 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

TE58. Walking Festival 2019 – Feedback

JP explained that the Walking Festival went ahead, however there had been several problems. It was very last minute due to quite a few resignations. One of the main problems was getting enough walks as this year it had been decided to hold a 4-day festival rather than the usual 3 days. JP added that one of the main co-ordinators was pregnant for much of the planning time so was unable to help as much as usual.

The walks were put on the website only 2 weeks before the Festival was due to start. All walks that went ahead had people on them and there was good feedback for these walks.

TS attended the evening talks at the Swan and really enjoyed the evening. NB added that he had taken part in the quiz with Cllr RWG and really enjoyed the quiz and that the Three Tuns was very busy.

TS added that Alan Kiddle, volunteer with HCWGG, is a very keen walker, but the main reason that put him off being a walk leader is carrying out a Risk Assessment and the Health and Safety. TS is hopeful that HCWGG can put on a walk with children to show them the wooden sculptures, the train and so on.

TS suggested that the Walking Festival might revert back to a 3-day event, running from Friday to Sunday.

RWG said that much more advertising is needed, and that lots of other Walking Festivals in the area have brochures printed and distributed in plenty of time and that Hay needs a brochure, too. TS added that Hay Festival puts on confirmed talks on its website months in advance. So if the Walking Festival has some walks that always take place, these could go on the website now, and then other walks added as and when they are confirmed. JP thought this was a good idea and will feedback to the Walking Festival Committee.

TE59. Senior Citizens' / Community Christmas Party 2020

(i) Agree Date

Confirmed as Tuesday 7th January 2020

(ii) Agree Venue

Confirmed as Masonic Lodge

(iii) Agree Catering

It was agreed to use the same caterers as usual, Piccadilly Catering, The Strand. AP to be asked to contact caterers to confirm date, venue of meal and numbers of meals required. AP also to check costs per head. It was thought that last year the cost was around £7.50 per head. It might be possible to reduce this cost for 2020, as there is more money allocated to the Christmas Party than is normally spent.

(iv) Agree who the party is open to

TS said that after last year's Christmas Party the possibility of widening who the party is open to for the wider community. NB said that in 2018, 42 people attended. Last year in 2019, 35 attended, and there appears to be a downward trend in the numbers attending. Cllrs agreed to make a recommendation to Full Council that 2020's Christmas party should be called "Community Christmas Lunch" and be open to anyone in the community.

Recommendation:

(i) That this year's Christmas Party be re-named 'Community Christmas Lunch' and to be open to anyone from the community on a first come-first served basis

(v) Agree the entertainment

Singing – last year pupils from Hay Primary School came and sang. JP to ask the school if they can come along again for the 2020 party.

Singing – JP also agreed to contact Dawn and Roger Beetham to see if they can come to sing/bring guitar.

Quiz – RWG agreed to do a quiz and to speak with FH to do it jointly.

Baby photo competition – TS suggested that Cllrs and the Town Clerk provide a photograph of themselves as a baby for people to "Guess the Cllr". TS agreed to arrange this picture quiz

Bingo and refreshments –AP to be asked to do the bingo and get refreshments for the event.

A general request for raffle prizes was made for the bingo as well as the raffle. AP also to ask Londis/local contacts for prize donations.

(vi) Any other issues relating to the party

NB to ask Dial-a-Ride to save the date for the transport element.

Advertising – Cllrs discussed making sure everyone is aware that the Christmas Lunch is taking place. JP suggested drafting a Christmas Lunch postcard which everyone agreed was an excellent idea. On one side of the postcard, a Christmas scene of some description (e.g. Christmas tree and people at a party), and on the reverse, a description of the event/invite to attend with the relevant contact details. TS agreed to design the postcard.

It was agreed by Cllrs present that they would be happy this year to distribute the postcards to every house in Hay. Postcard needs to be designed and printed from early-mid November and then to be hand-delivered as soon as possible in order to get ahead of the Christmas post.

The event can also be advertised on Hay Town Council’s Facebook page and website. And the December 2019 Wye Local Article will focus on the Christmas Lunch, which every household will receive.

TE60. Any Other Business

NB raised the possibility of re-starting the Boxing Day fancy dress walk from Hay to Clyro in honour of Nigel Lewis. It was agreed that this was not something HTC should take the lead on.

However, RWG suggested a memorial bench. NB said that HTC has been given two benches by Powys CC at the Old Library, so perhaps one of these could be used.

Recommendation:

(i) That HTC installs a bench in memory of Nigel Lewis with a plaque inscription to commemorate Nigel’s work on behalf of Hay-on-Wye

JPr read out an e-mail from One Voice Wales requesting Town and Community Councils carry out event(s) to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on the weekend of 8th-10th May 2020. TS to ask Kelvyn Jenkins if he is planning any celebrations to mark this milestone.

Hay Citizen of the Year – TS said that someone had suggested to her at Hay Summer Show (2019) that the Summer Show would be a great time/place to carry out the Citizen of the Year presentation. Cllrs present made the following recommendation to Full Council:

Recommendation:

(i) That HTC changes the date for the presentation of the Hay Citizen of the Year award from April/Hay Independence Celebrations to be presented instead at next year’s Hay Summer Show.

TE61. Date of Next meeting

NB to arrange next meeting once the postcard has been designed in order to allocate delivery areas to Cllrs/Clerk.

Signed:

Date: