

## STAVELEY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 22 November 2022 at the Speedwell Rooms.

Present: Councillors B Bingham, P Jacobs, D Rhodes, E Tidd

In attendance: Mrs S Doherty, Town Clerk & RFO

**458/SD/22 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr C Jackson

**459/SD/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**460/SD/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 May 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**461/SD/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

**462/SD/22 DEBRIEF ON RECENT EVENTS**

Councillors considered what went well and what could have been improved on the following events:

a) Easter Egg Hunt

Went well but eggs found very quickly – problem with the older children grabbing all of the eggs and not allowing the younger ones to find any. Consider a different approach for next time – specific sessions for specific age groups for example.

b) 1940's Event

This was an externally organised event which went really well and had good attendance. It was felt that the Council should continue to support this if possible.

c) Staveley Armed Forces Day

This was organised in conjunction with SAFA. There was an issue with lack of transport for the elderly to get from the canal basin to the Hall – last minute cancellation which couldn't be helped. Possibly consider offering a mini bus shuttle service for £1 each for next time.

d) Summer Markets

These were approved last minute so there was lack of advertising and planning. The Allotment market went very well however and this would be a nice one to repeat perhaps with more of the allotment sites getting involved as there were only 3 stalls this time. The pre-loved uniform one was very popular and well attended. The street food market didn't happen as it was too late to plan and vendors were already booked up.

e) Summer Activities

Jubilee event was fantastically well attended and went really well.

The pre-booked toilets had not turned up.

Swimming vouchers went really fast.

f) Games Day

The Council had purchased £100 of toys and put on sandwiches and juice for the children to come and have a playday at the hall. The toys were mostly destroyed but everyone seemed to have a great time and it was well attended.

g) Car Fest

This event was supposed to have been a French cars show based at the Hall. The event seemed to grow beyond expectations and this caused some significant problems. It was felt that this event should not be repeated.

h) Fireworks/Halloween Disco

There had been really good reports about the event on Facebook and it was well attended. Cllr Rhodes had been handing out sweets to children and these all went within 15 minutes. It was felt that the event was well managed and the after party in the speedwell rooms went well. The Clerk reported a complaint that had been received on the evening about poor communication and this would be addressed for next year if Council agreed to repeat the event.

i) Remembrance

This event was also well attended and there were only a couple of 'fainting' incidents brought about by the participants having not eaten before attending. There was a query on whether the service was too long and that the format could perhaps be looked at to include more chairs for elderly/inform people.

Although it was not on the agenda it was asked if there could be an update on the plans for the upcoming Christmas events. There was a query on the time for the Elderly Citizens Christmas party and it was agreed that this would be checked and confirmed. The details of the event were discussed and it was agreed that this should continue to be a fully subsidised event but a donation bucket could be put out to help towards the costs.

**463/SD/22 PROGRAMME PLANNING FOR 2023/24**

Councillors considered the programme of events for 2023/24. The ideas discussed were as follows:

- a) Coronation Event
- b) Specialist Markets
- c) Staveley by the Sea
- d) Music events on the market square
- e) Brass Band concert at the Hall
- f) Fireworks/Halloween Disco
- g) Remembrance
- h) Christmas events

In addition, it was asked that the Christmas lights be revisited as they were costing a lot more than budgeted for.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk look at the costings for the abovementioned events and bring these back to a future meeting for discussion.

The meeting terminated at 7:12pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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