

SANDBACH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Sandbach Town Council's Events Sub-Committee held on 15 August 2018 at 4.30pm in the Sandbach Literary Institution, Hightown.

PRESENT Councillors: M Benson (Chair)
B Moran
G Merry
R Hovey (Mayor)
Also in attendance Councillor: K Haines

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor M Forster
K Flavell
C Lowe

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow questions from members of the public. There being no public present, the meeting was immediately reconvened.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE HELD 4 APRIL AND 18 JULY 2018

RESOLVED: that

The minutes of the meeting held 4 April are not approved as there was no quorum for the item considered, the minutes will be deferred to the next meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July were confirmed as an accurate record.

4. REVIEW OF 2018 EVENTS

Reports on both Summer events were made to the previous meeting, with both being very successful.

A summary of income and expenditure was shared, with the Clerk drawing attention to i) security and ii) fireworks, both items that have changed since the last presentation of accounts.

The Meeting considered whether a donation to the Big Band is appropriate and agreed to donate £250.

The closing balance for the 2018 events is £16,411.11, however it is noted that there may be an additional event before the year end.

5. EVENTS 2019

Family Fun Day (inc Armed Forces Day) – 29 June 2019

The Clerk reported that the RBL is unlikely to hold its Armed Forces Day service as part of the Fun Day, their view is that it should revert back to taking place on the Sunday.

Members felt that the U3A band was well received and would like to incorporate band music into future Fun Day events.

The High School Chamber Choir was suggested as an option, although it was noted that they would likely need amplification. Cllr Merry agreed to investigate this option and establish if additional budget provision would be required.

Foden's Party in the Park – 6 July 2019

Arrangements as previous years, with the cost of service providers being reviewed.

Market Town Festival – 7 September 2019

The Events and Business Promotion Officer was not in attendance, therefore this item is deferred to the next meeting with a detailed report being requested.

External Supplies and Services at all Events

The Clerk informed members that events have aroused interest this year, from people and companies wishing to offer their services. She felt that the Council should not be exclusive and should offer the chance to other companies, in particular the Fun Day activities, however she feels that from a management point of view, it is much easier to hire a supplier who packages activities, than hiring each activity separately.

Members agreed that we should not be exclusive and asked that the Clerk provide an opportunity for external companies to quote to deliver services; they supported the 'packaged' approach. Activities should not be costly and the focus should be on providing fun and free engagement for children and young families.

6. NEW EVENTS

WW1 Commemoration Concert and May Day Celebration

In the absence of Cllr Flavell, both items are deferred. It was noted that that a report on the Commemoration Concert is due to be presented to Council on 16 August.

7. MARKET TOWN FESTIVAL

See 6 above.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is none.

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 September 2018 at 4.00pm at the SLI. Members please note that the time has changed since the meeting was agreed.

The Clerk will be Katy Pepper.

The meeting closed at 5.32pm
M Benson, Chairman
A L Banks

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