



**Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 9.30 am held at Wickersley Community Centre**

Members : (Acting Chair) P Beighton, C Grimes, B McNeely, J Robinson, E Boswell

In attendance: P Beighton, C Grimes, B McNeely, J Robinson, E Boswell

In attendance: J Whitworth (Assistant Clerk), M Godge

The Chair welcomed all the attendees.

**217 To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies, everyone present.

**218 To approve minutes of last meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

The minutes were agreed apart from grammatical errors.

**219 To resolve if members of the press and public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted. Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)**

There are no matters to be excluded.

**220 To note any matters arising from the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Nothing to discuss.

**221. To receive a financial update**

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Assistant clerk doesn't have up to date figures. All stall holders have been provided with the bank account information which assistant clerk is unable to check. At the present time it is estimated that £1809.30 is still to be paid out regarding the gala, there is currently £764.36 in donations, this includes the £500 grant from RMBC. Last year the Christmas event cost in the region of £7,000 which means there should be some funds available.

**222 Debrief of picnic in the park event**

The event was a great success but there are a few points to note for future.

The marking out of the stalls didn't really work, due to the heavy rain which washed away the paint. Suggestions of using a stake and a laminated stall number, this would need doing on the morning of any potential event. Thanks to all who helped with organising getting everyone to their pitches. Once everybody was in place then everything went well. The gate at Oak Tree Close had to be held open by some rope as it wouldn't stay open.

It was agreed that donations should be given to Charlie, Derek, and Peter of £50 each for helping. A letter of thanks should be given to Allan, Martin and Nick for their help.

It was agreed that the fly past was fantastic and a donation of £50 should be sent to them. The pilot has been in contact, and he was thanked directly. The pilot confirmed that he had enjoyed it as he could see everyone on the ground waving.

With regards to the Gaslamp, it was noted that there was no tea and no cakes on sale, assistant clerk will be meeting Gail for a coffee, Cllr Beighton and Grimes will attend also. There was a lack of soft drinks available, this is something that will be noted for future events. Also a few visitors commented that the food was expensive. It would have been better to have a second food outlet. Two beer taps didn't appear to be enough and it was suggested there should be more food options.

The marquees were great, the idea of having them open was a good idea. The entertainment throughout the day was very good.

The question of whether this should be a yearly event was discussed. It was decided that this was best left with whoever will be on the events committee in the future so they can decide. A suggestion was made to do this type of event for occasions rather than every year but again this should be a decision made by any new events committee.

With regards the manning of the gate it was noted that a couple of people had asked about parking in the car park area as they were blue badge holders. It was agreed that this is an event which is on a field and parking isn't provided. The fair had a ride and equipment on

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that area and there were children and the public walking around. It was decided that parking for blue badge holders could not be allowed.

The packs provided were useful but the volunteers didn't need a pack each, just one for both gates and one for the parish gazebo. It would be useful to have a separate piece of paper each with their tasks detailed.

For future reference we should contact the Rotherham Advertiser in advance to send a photographer so they can include an article about the Gala. A roaming photographer wasn't a good idea as permissions would be needed.

The paths to the park were mentioned by a member of the public and it was confirmed that the paths would be improved quite soon.

**223 To discuss Christmas lights switch on event taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Christmas lights were discussed. At an environment meeting a gentleman from RMBC attended, he said that an electricity point may be put in near to the trees across from the Tanyard. The matter of how the parish would be allowed access to this was discussed, it may be something clarifying by RMBC. A further meeting is due to take place and the assistant clerk will make sure this point is brought up. There are no lights in reserve and if we are to use this area then extra lights will need to be purchased. Cllr Grimes proposed to purchase £1,000 worth of lights which would be 50 strings. This was seconded by Cllr McNeely and all the committee agreed to the proposal. T bars will also be needed, we need about 5 of them, this was agreed also.

**Date of next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Signed : 

Councillor Pat Beighton

dated : 19/9/23

