



Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 6.30 pm held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members : Chair Cllr C Grimes, Cllr P Beighton, Cllr E Boswell, Cllr J Robinson

In attendance: Cllrs C Grimes, P Beighton, J Robinson

Also in attendance: J Whitworth (Assistant Clerk), Cllr A Bates

The Chair welcomed all the attendees.

252 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies.

253 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 30 January 2024

There was a grammatical error, the Assistant Clerk will amend this and ask the Chair to sign.

Action: Assistant Clerk to amend the error and ask the chair to sign

254 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 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

There are no matters to be excluded.

255 To note any matters arising from the meeting of 30 January 2024

Item 249 – The total amount of donations from the Christmas event was £550.

Item 250 – The owners of the Tanyard have been approached about holding the Christmas light switch on event on their car park and have refused as not all of their shop tenants agreed to it – this item will be discussed later in the meeting.

Signed : 

Councillor Christine Grimes

dated : 



256 To note any matters arising from members of the public in attendance

There are no members of the public in attendance.

257 To consider any community matters from Councillors

Cllr Bates is in attendance and will discuss matters he wishes to raise when the agenda item is reached.

Cllr Grimes wishes to discuss the gas-powered Beacon for D-Day. Enquiries show that a gas beacon would cost around £549. The Beacon is 2 metres high. It was suggested that this would be placed either at Bob Mason Recreation Ground or on the edge of Wickersley Woods. As the Beacon is only 2 metres high it was considered that it would cause safety issues for the public and be open to vandalism. After consideration the committee decided not to pursue with the gas powered beacon.

258 To receive financial update

The Events budget has been reduced and the committee now has £9,000. Last year's Christmas event was £8,517.04, this included the purchase of some lights. Should the event be moved to the Tanyard a rough costing has been put together to do this which is in the region of £15,400.

259 To discuss possible venue for 2024 Christmas Lights Switch on Event

The Tanyard owners have responded to a request to hold the Christmas lights switch on event on their car park saying that they don't agree to the event being held on the Tanyard as they are concerned about negativity from some tenants concerns about the impact closure of the car park would have on trade. Cllr Bates then asked if the matter was being left.

Cllr Grimes suggested perhaps extending the existing offering at the community centre to alleviate the known pressure points. Cllr Grimes suggested approaching the Methodist church to see if they would agree to the entertainment area being on their car park, Assistant Clerk was asked to speak to the caretaker for his views on the feasibility of this and inform the committee in the next meeting. A suggestion was made to start the event an hour earlier, although it was recognised some people may leave before the switch on event. Cllr Bates said he thinks the approach to the shop tenants had been a botched approach and too much information had been given to them in the letter sent. In Cllr Bates' opinion it would only be necessary to restrict traffic in the car park from 4pm as only half of the car park would be needed. He suggested that the stage could arrive at 3pm and take 30 minutes to set up. His

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suggestion was gazebos could be rented from Rotherham Council and picked up on the Friday, stored in a box van, which would need to be hired, a team of people would then need to erect the gazebos on behalf of the stall holders.

Cllr Grimes said that the issue with all of this is getting the volunteers to help.

Cllr Bates said that we are not looking to replicate the event as it is, currently held outside the community centre. His concerns are that the current event, because of attendance numbers, there is a safety hazard and there would be twice as much room at the Tanyard. Cllr Grimes said, in her opinion, the road would need to be closed at either end and for safety reasons and traffic would need to be restricted for half a day to safeguard members of the public.

Cllr Beighton asked about the safety of people walking around while traffic is unrestricted to which Cllr Bates said that people were walking about the current location. Cllr Beighton responded that there isn't any traffic at the current location as the road is closed off.

Cllr Bates suggested that we should continue to look at the feasibility of moving the event to the Tanyard. Cllr Grimes said that perhaps Cllr Bates would like to consider organising the event next year. Cllr Bates then left the meeting.

260 To discuss Blue Sky thinking event

This was discussed and some of the items are for other committees.

The centre is already used for the Christmas event. We do not charge for people having stalls as it is felt we receive more in donations than we would if there was a standard charge for stalls and charities are currently not charged for having a stall.

With regard to the gala and annualising it, this would be a lot of work and a budget would be needed for a gala. If a decision was made to hold a gala annually, a new budget would need to be set for this and the workload on both staff and volunteers needs to be considered.

Extension of Christmas lights is already in hand.

Cllr Grimes suggested having a Tommy "Here But Not Here" figure to be placed outside the Community Centre to commemorate the war dead remembrance in November.

The three items the committee wish to put into the business plan are the Christmas lights switch on, the Remembrance Day Event and also the Gala. The 3 items have been put into the business plan document, this was proposed by Cllr Grimes and Cllr Beighton seconded, all were in agreement.

261 To discuss 2024 meeting dates

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Cllr Grimes asked for a meeting to take place in June once the committee members have been decided.

Action : Assistant Clerk to arrange a date for the next meeting.

Signed : *Christine Grimes*

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dated : *23/1/2020*