

**BARTON – UPON - HUMBER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES of a COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING held
In the Assembly Rooms on Monday 9th October 2023 at 6.00pm**

Present: Councillor B Troop (Chairman)
Councillors A Chapman, N Jacques, N Pinchbeck and A Watson

Also Present: C Clark (Deputy Town Clerk)

174. **Apologies for Absence**

Councillor P Vickers

175. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

176. **To note the approved minutes of the Community Committee meeting held 5th June 2023 and approved at Full Council on 7th June 2023**

Noted.

177. **Budget 2024-2025**

The Community budget put together at 11th September 2023 Working Group meeting was noted with amendment of £8500 for Bags For Life into Earmarked Reserves as agreed at 4th October 2023 Full Council Meeting.

Agreed any unspent Event Expenditure and Town Grant from 2023-2024 to be carried over to Event Expenditure and Town Grant 2024-2025.

Christmas Lights contract needs renewing in 2024, prices for a new contract need sorting before the current contract ends in January 2024 to ensure Christmas lights storage is maintained.

Up to date prices for purchase and running cost of Speed Warning Signs are needed to put a figure in EMR. Councillor N Pinchbeck asked if we had any evidence of their effectiveness, it was agreed to ask NLC Highways for evidence.

178. **Events 2023 update**

a) **Remembrance Day Parade**

It was noted the Clerks would be emailing councillors to confirm who will volunteer. Councillors C Patterson & C Thornton have volunteered to read names of the Fallen, the Mayor normally also does this. One further Councillor ideally needed for reading names the Fallen in church.

Councillors queried how long wreaths should be left on the War Memorial after Remembrance Day. It was agreed to check with Royal British Legion. Also to check if Mr Longbottom would be removing the old wreaths before this year's Parade.

b) **Christmas Festival – consideration of the event organisation**

Stage

- Castledyke Primary School Christmas Carols (12:00 – 12:30)
- Duck Egg Theatre (12:35 – 13:05)
- Baysgarth School (13:10 – 13:50)
- Alicia Sian (13:55 – 14:40)
- Route 180 Band (15:00 – 15:45)
- North Lincolnshire Youth Folk Ensemble (15:50 – 16:30)
- Route 180 Band (16:35 – 17:20)
- Light Switch On / Thanks from the Mayor (17:25 - 17:30)

Street entertainment

- St Peters CofE School Christmas Carols (12:25 – 12:55)
- Barton Community Band and Barton JR Band (13:00 – 14:00)
- Salvation Army Carol Singers (14:05 – 14:35)
- Beverley Garland Dancers (14.40 to 15.10)
- Bowmandale School Modern Christmas Carols (15:15 – 15:45)
- Beverley Garland Dancers (16.00 to 16.30)

Roaming Acts

- Will Frow (4hours)
- A Very Curious Christmas Contrivance (3 x 30 mins sets)
- Elf & Ice Maiden Duo – Lily & Craig (3 x 30 mins sets)

All permissions are in place, confirmation outstanding from ESAG while we get an updated medical plan from our first aid provider. Currently have 36 stall holders occupying 144 metres of space, 10 using town council gazebos. No gazebos to be in front of Christmas tree, some will link High Street to Wilderspin School on Queen Street. In answer to Councillors query why Salvation Army not playing their Carol Service at lights switch on, this has been moved to 2pm on George Street as people left the stage after the lights switch on last year and did not join in Carol Service. A find the snowmen shop window competition to be arranged for children, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Community Groups have been contacted for any events happening to be included in Bartonian advertising. R & J Leisure has not confirmed costs for providing barriers and portaloos, it was agreed speak with them about this cost against charging for them bringing their fair rides. It was noted Shadowbridge Brewery are attending, they need to be made aware our Premise Licence does not cover for selling alcohol, they will need to apply for a TENS.

Festival entertainment for 2024 should be looked at in January 2024.-

c) **Review of budget – for all events 2023-2024**

Budgets for events in 2023-2024 all appear fine.

179. **Bartonian – update**

Bartonian all going well so far, after 3 issues we are just breaking even on costs but it was noted January is normally a quiet issue for advertising. Councillors would like a Christmas Festival banner on the November front page mentioned which pages have further details.

180. **Grant applications received**

No grant applications received for consideration.

181. **Barton Upon Humber Town Centre Market – review of recent markets**

Market is going well, the planning application for the storage unit has been submitted. One stall holder who sells meat would like to book 6 months in advance to help them forward plan their meat products. This was agreed for this business only, with a 50% deposit paid up front, any others wanting to do this would need to be considered on their own merit. Concern from one stall holder over the number selling sweet products was discussed, it had already been agreed no further cake/tray bake products but others selling other sweets should still be considered.

Councillors asked if stall holders could be contacted to see if sufficient interest in holding a market in January 2024.

A couple of sack barrows should be bought ready for moving gazebos once permission is given for the storage unit.

Length of time planning applications are taking to be processed should be added to a Planning Meeting agenda.

Up to 4 more tables need to be purchased, as spares/replacements. All tables need labelling with a permanent pen with BTC to stop any being taken by mistake by stall holders.

A permanent sign, same as the ‘more stalls this way’ sign to be purchased with Barton Market on for advertising at the Baysgarth Park, Park Run now being held each Saturday.

182. **Update on Christmas lights and future procurement**

Agreed to check with current contractor if they will store lights after removal in January 2024 while new contract is sorted. Quotes for new lighting contract to be requested before current contract expires in January 2024.

183. **Shop Local**

a) Bags for Life – It was agreed to get quotes for 1000’s rather than 25 or 50 bags to allow each property in Barton to receive one, alternatively we could give them out at the picnic in the park. Councillor N Pinchbeck advised he had spoken with Brigg Town Council who had given a bag to each property and it proved successful. It was noted if anyone sells them it must be at the same price as we pay or VAT will need to be charged.

184. **Website and social media update**

Clerks training is ongoing for the new website, updates/additions are added when time and knowledge allows.

Meeting closed at 6.55pm

..... Chairman 9th October 2023
Councillor B Troop