

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the **Town Centre and Events Committee** held in the Council Chamber, Bank Place Offices, Holywell on Wednesday 26th April 2023 at 10.00am.

PRESENT: Councillor L.A. Carter (Chair)
Councillors L. Corbett, P. Corbett, I. Hodge, and D. Thomas.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors E.B. Palmer, and S. Rush.

IN ATTENDANCE: J. Baker (Clerk), M.G. Fearnley (Deputy Clerk), and C. Pickstock (Support Officer).

TC33. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

TC34. **EVENT MATTERS**

Members received updates on the following events:

- a) Coronation Event. Donations would be collected for Hope House. Cllr D. Thomas would run sports races. Coronation medals and bubble packs would be ordered. The event itinerary and volunteers were confirmed.
- b) Summer Diversity Event. This event was to be focussed on information stalls, music/performers, a parade, and children's activities.
- c) Well Inn Music Festival. Members reviewed the historical operations. Ideas for the future included expansion out of the town centre, and a different mix of music. A full review with stakeholders was discussed to prepare for the 2024 event.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Summer Diversity Event be held on Thursday 27th July 2023 as the first week of school holidays and to support the weekly market.
- 2) That the Events Working Group consider the future development opportunities for the Well Inn Music festival.

- 3) For the 2023 Well Inn event it was resolved to have three stages based on the High Street/Tower Gardens with stage managers approached to manage each stage.

TC35. EVENT SUPPORT

The Clerk and Deputy Clerk provided an update and feedback on the following matters:

- a) Events Hub Signage. It was suggested two signs were displayed on the hub, with the Town Council and Town Branding images.
- b) Free parking for events. The Town Council were permitted two events days with free parking in line with County Council policy.
- c) Electric Power Supply Floor Boxes. Members reviewed requirements and quotations.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That approval be given for the events hub signage. Deputy Clerk to source quotes.
- 2) That the two events selected for free parking are the Summer Diversity and Christmas Lights Switch On events. Deputy Clerk to inform the County Council.
- 3) That two floor boxes are installed, outside Kassidy's café, and around the sculpture. The installation of a third power supply box outside the Museum was deferred pending further review.

TC36. HOLYWELL HIGH STREET ARCH

The Clerk provided the background and update on the Holywell Arch and stated that this had been requested by the Business Group and was part of the original planning for the opening of the High Street to traffic. The Arch had been included in the scheme budget, subject to Planning approval. The County Council had recently stated it would no longer be proceeding with the project.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to the County Council requesting that the Arch project be reviewed and reinstated in the work programme.

TC37. TOWER GARDENS PROJECT

The Deputy Clerk provided an update and a summary of ideas from a working group meeting held, to look at proposals for the Tower Garden entrance, that included Educational Steps, a Covid Memorial, and development of the scrub area.

Cllr I. Hodge referred to Smart Town data/footfall counters available on mobile phones to aid research.

RESOLVED:

That the Deputy Clerk researches and applies for grant funding to progress the project. Further working groups meetings to be held as required.

TC38. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 12.00pm.

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Chair