

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of meeting of Events & Special Activities Committee of Hetton Town Council held remotely on 4 May 2021

Present

Cllrs R Coulson (from Item 4), T Dodds, D Geddis (Chairman), M Thornton, S Waterston, and C Willis (from Item 4).

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)

Cllr K Pearson

1) Apologies for absence

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr D Turner (unwell). Committee resolved to recommend that this be approved.

No apology had been received from Cllr R Elvin and Committee resolved to recommend that this absence be recorded as unapproved.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public participation

There were no matters raised.

4) Easington Lane War Memorial 100

Cllr D Geddis introduced this item relating to a proposed commemoration event to mark the centenary of the War Memorial.

An outline of the event was provided by Cllr S Waterston, who also explained that a range of remedial works was required to the memorial and that funding would need to be sought to fund these, potentially from the Coalfield Area Committee.

Cllr M Thornton undertook to raise this aspect with Cllr J Blackburn.

Following detailed discussion, Committee resolved to recommend that:

Cllrs D Geddis and S Waterston represent the Town Council on a working group to organise the event being led by ELCAP;

and,

Town Clerk contact Area Community Development Lead (Coalfield) to request attendance at a future meeting of the working group.

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5) Christmas Illuminations

TC advised that he had only recently received answers from SCC relating to outstanding queries had not had sufficient time to prepare a report for Committee.

Committee resolved to recommend that this item be deferred to a future meeting.

6) Procurement of Christmas trees for 2021

TC introduced the topic and sought the views of Committee on its' approach to procurement of Christmas trees for 2021.

Committee resolved to recommend that;

Town Council continues the arrangement with Sunderland City Council;

and

TC enquire with Co-pp Nursery if permission can be granted for the siting of a tree within their grounds.

7) Other events

Cllr Waterston highlighted that 2021 marked the 70th anniversary of the Eppleton Colliery disaster.

After discussion, Committee resolved to recommend that it organise a memorial event on 6 July.

Following a proposal from Cllr M Thornton, Committee resolved to refer to Full Council the request that "Pride" and "Transgender" flags be purchased and flown throughout June to celebrate Pride month.

Following a request from Cllr T Dodds, Committee resolved to recommend that Members be encouraged to participate in litter picking events being organised by SCC in May and June.

8) Date and time of next meeting

Committee resolved to recommend that the next meeting be held on Thursday 3 May 2021 at 18.00 hrs.