

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of Events & Special Activities Committee meeting held on 5 November 2019 at the Hetton Centre

Present:

Councillors R Coulson, T Dodds, D Geddis (Chairman), S Quigley and S Waterston.

In attendance:

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)

Councillor R Heron.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr M Thornton (meeting at Civic Centre), Cllr D Turner (meeting at Civic Centre), Cllr C Willis (work commitment). Committee resolved to approve the apologies.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public Participation

The Chairman suggested a period of up to 10 minutes be allowed. Committee resolved to approve a period of 10 minutes.

Cllr Heron reminded Committee that he had previously provided details of a contact at "Hearty Crafts" to the TC.

TC acknowledged this and advised that the delay in making contact had been attributable to continued uncertainty over the date and venue for Christmas Lights switch-on.

4) Remembrance Commemoration

Committee queried the transport and storage arrangements for the PA system. Committee resolved that Cllr Geddis would oversee these aspects.

TC reported that he had met with Pastor I Meldrum, Apostolic Church who had confirmed to him that arrangements for the Easington Lane event were in place to his satisfaction.

Cllr Waterston suggested the purchase of 2 x poppy launchers from MTFX Ltd at a cost of £13.80 each (plus postage) for the Hetton event. Committee resolved that TC research and place an order asap.

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4) Remembrance Commemoration cont ...

Concerns were expressed about leaf accumulation in Hetton Mini Park. TC advised that he had requested of SCC that the site be cleared and maintained ahead of 11 November.

Cllr Waterston reported that she would be sourcing knitted poppies for display around the War Memorial railings.

5) Christmas celebration

Following difficulties in securing suitable date at Hetton Centre, Union Street Methodist Church had been identified as an alternative location for the 29 November event.

TC undertook to make urgent contact with "Hearty Crafts" to explore the provision of suitable stalls at the event.

Cllr Waterston suggested that Town Council purchase a Santa Claus costume for the forthcoming and future Christmas celebration events.

Committee resolved that TC research suppliers and place an order.

Entertainment for the Christmas event was discussed and it was reported that approaches had been to Houghton Brass Band and Eppleton choir.

It was noted that the Annual Lantern Parade would also be taking place on 29 November.

Committee resolved that Cllr D Geddis approach the Showmen's Guild for the provision of fairground rides.

6) VE Day-75th Anniversary - 8 May 2020

TC referred to the previously circulated correspondence received from Co. Durham Association of Local Councils on this topic.

Committee resolved that it would wish to see the Town Council organise an event and this would be considered in further detail at a future meeting.

7) Date and time of next meeting

Committee resolved that the next meeting would be at 18.00 hrs on Tuesday 19 November at The Hetton Centre.

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