

Hetton Town Council



Minutes of the Events & Special Activities Committee meeting held on Monday 3 February 2020 at The Hetton Centre

Present:

Councillors R Coulson, T Dodds, D Geddis, S Quigley, M Thornton, D Turner, S Waterston and C Willis.

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)

1 x Member of the Public and Councillor K Pearson

1) Apologies for absence

All Members of the Committee were present.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public participation:

Committee resolved that a period of up to ten minutes be allowed for public participation and that Cllr K Pearson be allowed to participate in discussions pertaining to agenda Item 6.

Cllr Pearson suggested that Hetton Downs be considered as a potential location for the siting of a Christmas Tree in 2020.

4) Christmas Celebration 2020

Wide discussion took place around two key aspects:

Christmas trees

Committee resolved that:

Members identify possible sites at Hetton Downs and report back to enable financial implications be considered;

TC undertakes research and liaises with Committee Chairman re alternative approaches to the provision, siting and illumination of trees within the Town Council area;

and,

TC contacts Co-operative Nursery re the potential for continued use of their site.

Christmas Event

Committee resolved that:

The preferred date for an event in Hetton was Friday 27 November 2020;

and,

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4) Christmas Celebration 2020 cont ...

TC, Cllrs Geddis, Waterston and Willis would identify and make initial contact with a range of organisations and suppliers to establish their willingness to participate.

5) VE Day - May 2020

TC reported that he had been advised by SCC that they had no plans to mark the occasion.

Wide discussion took place which included suggestions for a ticketed event similar to that organised for the WW1 Centenary.

Committee resolved that TC contact Royal British Legion and local veterans groups to gauge their support for such an event.

6) Town Mayor Annual Charity event

Cllr K Pearson was invited to comment. Cllr Pearson outlined her wish to see an "Afternoon Tea" event similar to that held in 2019.

Committee resolved that TC initiate arrangements.

7) Great British Spring Clean 20 March - 13 April

Members were keen that Town Council takes part in this Tidy Britain initiative and assume a co-ordinating role in the community.

Committee resolved that TC contact a range of local community groups and schools to establish levels of interest and identify levels of possible logistical support available from SCC.

8) Date and time of next meeting

Committee resolved that the date and time of the next meeting would be Monday 2 March, at 17.45 hrs at The Hetton Centre.

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