



Skipton Town Council

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Events and Tourism Committee Thursday 10 January 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs: J Kerr (Chairman), A Barrett, C Clark, P Madeley, K McIntyre, A Rankine
In attendance: A Hickman

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Judy Probst (Tourism and Community Liaison Officer) and Josh Daley (Apprentice) Jenny Dean (Administration Assistant).

1. To accept representations from the Public between 6.30 pm and 6.45 pm.

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

None

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.

None

5. To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Events and Tourism Committee meetings held on the 4 October and 22 November 2018 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at those meetings.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

It was **NOTED** by Members that the roof above the Council Chamber has started to leak again, this is being investigated by Craven District Council. Investigations into the potential uses of the Council Chamber is to be added as a future agenda item, including an update on any repairs required.

It was **NOTED** by Members that there is currently no further update on the 2020 Tour de Yorkshire.

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Chairman:

The Events Manager will provide an update on the Bank Holiday Monday road closures when a full investigation including costings has been completed.

7. To receive an update on behalf of the Events and Tourism Manager on

- Christmas Events 2018
- Draft Calendar of Events 2019

Members **NOTED** the oral report from the Chief Officer regarding the successful Christmas Light Switch On and Christmas Markets. Photographs from both events were circulated. Footfall figures for the Christmas Light Switch On were 15,700. For the Christmas Markets footfall was 25,400 on the 2nd December and 33,005 on the 9th. This is the highest footfall achieved for these events, and Traders have also reported very positive figures.

Members **NOTED** that there have been several issues with the installation and operation of the Christmas Lights this year. Members **NOTED** that the contract for the Christmas Lights will go out for tender this year, and that this would fall under the remit of this Committee.

The Christmas Events would be fully reviewed in February and March.

Members expressed their thanks to those involved in the planning and implementing of the successful events.

Members **NOTED** the oral report from the Chief Officer, and received a draft Calendar of Events for 2019.

8. To approve the attendance of staff member(s) on a Security Supervisor training course.

Members **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations in the report provided. And **AUTHORISED** the Chief Officer and Events & Tourism Manager to decide on which staff members should attend.

9. To discuss matters relating to tourism and the Visit Skipton brand (presentation from the Chief Officer).

Members **NOTED** the presentation provided by the Chief Officer.

Members **AGREED** to look at the Visit Skipton website if they have not done so before. Members **AGREED** that the Chief Officer should return to a future meeting to discuss Tourism with the Committee again with the view to reestablishing what the aims and objectives should be in relation to Tourism.

10. To receive notification of matters that members would like on a future agenda.

Cllr Hickman asked if a Park and Ride scheme using the canal to get into town could be on the agenda. Members **AGREED** that Cllr Kerr would discuss this idea further with the Chief Officer before it was an agenda item.

Footfall figures and the Summary of the review into Sheep Day.

The meeting closed at 7:52pm

Chairman: