



MINUTES OF THE EVENTS and TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD BY A REMOTE PLATFORM ON THURSDAY 11th MARCH 2021 AT 6.30PM

Those present:

Chairman: Councillor W Feather.
Councillors: Councillor R Mahmood (Vice Chair), Councillor S Bentley, Councillor T Barrett, Councillor, A Solloway, Councillor P Madeley, Councillor R Heseltine & Councillor K McIntyre
Officers: Louise Close (Clerk) & Judy Probst (Tourism & Community Liaison Officer)
Also present: 1 member of the public

2021/010 ITEM 1 – Chairman’s Remarks.

Councillor Feather welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2021/011 ITEM 2 – To accept apologies for absence.

Councillor Judge sent apologies as he had a work commitment

2021/012 ITEM 3 – To record declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

Councillor Barrett confirmed that his daughter went to school with Mr O Wright presenting the Skipton guide app.

2021/013 ITEM 4 – 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 requested.

2021/014 ITEM 5 – Representations from public.

No members of the public requested to speak.

2021/015 ITEM 6 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Proposed by Councillor P Madeley

Seconded by Councillor K McIntyre

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Events & Tourism committee held on the 3rd December 2021 are a true and accurate record. (unanimous)

2021/016 ITEM 7 – Skipton Guide App

Mr O Wright of the Skipton Guide app presented the app that was due to be launched over the next few weeks. Councillor Madeley advised that this was an excellent app to use moving forward and Councillor Solloway asked if it was currently live. It was confirmed it wasn't and would be launched very soon. Councillor McIntyre advised it was really modern, very user friendly and an excellent initiative. It was confirmed that this would not be a replacement for the Town guide which was previously organised and funded by the Chamber of Trade and Skipton BID.

Proposed by Councillor Solloway

Seconded by Councillor Madeley



RESOLVED that Skipton Town Council would work with Mr Wright and place events and market days on the app as the need arises.

2021/017 **ITEM 8 – Sheep Day 2021**

Discussions were held regarding the holding of Sheep day on 6th July 2021. It was advised that with the difficulty of the ongoing pandemic it would be advisable to cancel this year's event.

Proposed by Councillor Heseltine

Seconded by Councillor Madeley

RESOLVED to cancel Sheep day for 2021

(unanimous)

2021/018 **ITEM 9 – Future Events**

Discussions were held as to what events could potentially be arranged for this year. The idea of a family Sunday market with entertainers and activities.

Councillor Madeley advised that HAZ had been to the Market committee meeting and presented a proposal regarding what support could be given in conjunction with the town council but that it was very important to maintain a road closure for the high street.

Councillor Barrett agreed with the idea but asked if we could continue the idea of a busk stop for buskers to book their slots through the day and also look into large chess, drafts games etc to be provided.

Councillor McIntyre asked if we could have a gazebo for community groups to help them recover after the year of lockdown.

Councillor Heseltine advised that permission would need to be sought for a Sunday market to be held.

Councillor Solloway advised that he always thought Events committee and Market committee should work more together.

Councillor Feather wanted to support the request for the purchase of 2 gazebos for use.

It was concluded that the Clerk would gather further information to hold a special one-off Sunday market post covid recovery event and would investigate the need for the license to trade from the Charter and would report back to the next meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that the Christmas lights event would be held on Sunday 28th November, after the Santa fun run. The Thwaite horses had been secured for the event as well as a Father Christmas and the CEO of Welcome to Yorkshire.

2021/019 **ITEM 10 – Budget**

Proposed by Councillor Madeley

Seconded by Councillor Barrett

RESOLVED to ring fence the underspend budget from 20/21 to be spent on future events because of the Covid pandemic during 21/22 and for the budget not to be moved into reserves for capital expenditure. *(6 votes in favour)*

2021/020 **ITEM 11 – Notification of business for future agendas**

Items for the next agenda;

Sunday market



Skipton Town Council

Use of Chamber for Civic functions

School tours

Exhibitions

Phone box outside town hall (HAZ in progress with this potentially)

The meeting closed at 19.48pm

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