



Skipton Town Council

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Events and Tourism Committee Tuesday 12 March 2020 at 6.30 pm

Present: Cllrs A Barrett (Chair), G Bell, W Feather, P Madeley

In attendance: Cllr S Bentley

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer), Kerry Wheelwright (Events & Tourism Manager), Judy Probst (Tourism and Community Liaison Officer) and Wendy Mowlam (Administration Assistant).

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

None

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllrs K McIntyre and A Solloway

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

Cllr Feather declared that he is an Air B&B host, for the purposes of any discussions re: Tourism.

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 10 December 2019

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Events and Tourism Committee meeting held on 10 December 2019 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

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

Members **NOTED** the update from the Events & Tourism Manager that the Royal British Legion were happy with plans for Armed Forces Day to be on the same day as Sheep Day, and for the Flag lowering to be on that day.

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Discussions regarding the Puppet Festival would be deferred until the next years budget process.

Information gathered on the views from members of the public regarding events would be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

Updates from the Events & Tourism Committee Meeting to other Members should be included as part of the review of the Committee Meetings structure so that all Committees are following the same process and format.

7. To receive comments and suggestions on the future programme of Town Council events from Members of the Council

Members had a discussion regarding a future programme of Town Council Events. Members **AGREED** that the Chair and Vice Chair would arrange a meeting with the National Farmers Union, the Auction Mart and Keelham Farm Shop to help promote the importance of farming to the area.

8. To review the Skipton Christmas Market 2019

Members **NOTED** the income and expenditure documents of the Skipton Christmas Markets 2019.

9. To review the Skipton Christmas Market coach parking costs

Member **NOTED** the costs associated with putting the Skipton Christmas Markets and the cost of coach parking.

Members **AGREED** to increase the cost of coach parking from £36 to £40 (Option 2 in Appendix 1) in 2020, and then review this after the 2020 event to see if it has had any impact on the event. Members **AGREED** that the cost of the Coach Parking should be reviewed each year.

10. To review the Skipton Christmas Lights Switch On 2019

Members **NOTED** the income and expenditure documents of the Skipton Christmas Lights Switch On 2019.

11. To receive an oral update on the planning of this year's events and implementation of the tourism strategy.

Members **NOTED** the oral update from the Events & Tourism Manager.

Members **NOTED** that the Events & Tourism Manager was keeping up to date with advice from the Government regarding Coronavirus, and would update the Committee accordingly about the impact on the scheduled events.

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

Heritage Action Fund, and joint meetings to discuss the strategy.

The meeting closed at 19:43pm