



## MINUTES OF THE EVENTS and TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD BY A REMOTE PLATFORM ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2020 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) Kerry Wheelwright (Events & Tourism Manager) and Judy Probst (Tourism & Community Liaison Officer)  
Also present: 1 member of the public

### **2021/001 ITEM 1 – Chairman’s Remarks.**

Councillor Feather welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that they work closely and would liaise with the Market Committee. Councillor Mahmood as Vice Chair would be included in all meetings, emails etc. Councillor Feather invited all Members to send ideas, for the coming year, to the Events Manager.

### **2021/002 ITEM 2 – To accept apologies for absence.**

Councillor Judge will be joining later.

### **2021/003 ITEM 3 – To record declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.**

None received.

### **2021/004 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 received.

### **2021/005 ITEM 5 – Representations from public.**

A member of the public stated that his interest in Skipton is to offer services to get Armed Forces Parades and Events back to how they were five years ago. They would like to have the Remembrance Sunday Parade, be the finest in the country. They would like to offer their help and support with anything involving the armed forces. Would like Armed Forces Day to be a separate day in the Civic Calendar, and not attached to other events such as Sheep Day.

Cllr S Bentley stated that she would like Armed Forces Day to have its own event, and not be linked to Sheep Day. She would also like Skipton to have a St Georges Day celebration, and Skipton to take a lead on celebrating English Heritage. Cllr Bentley also felt that the Navy have not been involved as much as they should have been in previous events.



2021/006

**ITEM 6 – Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

Proposed by Councillor T Barrett

Seconded by Councillor P Madeley

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events & Tourism committee held on the 12 March 2020 are a true and accurate record. *(unanimous)*

2021/007

**ITEM 7 – Item requested by Councillor Sheila Bentley to discuss holding Armed Forces Day separately from Sheep Day.**

Councillors were asked to send their preferences on whether to hold Sheep Day and Armed Forces Day separately in writing to the committee.

Kerry Wheelwright gave an update of the situation, background information on the reason why the two Events had been held together. Holding the events together had meant that Armed Forces Day had benefited from the increased footfall and exposure that Sheep Day brings.

Skipton Town Council, Craven District Council and the British Legion all agreed to share Sheep Day. In 2021 due to the Freedom Parade, Armed Forces Day will be held separately from Sheep Day. Councillors Barrett and Madeley suggested that the Council, should be led by the British Legion on events involving Armed Forces.

Councillor Judge joined the meeting.

Councillors discussed whether the Council should appoint an Armed Forces Representative. Councillor Bell was suggested as a Councillor who may be interested in that position. The Clerk and Events Manager will discuss this with Councillor Bell and bring the suggestion to a future Full Council Meeting.

Cllr. Shaw joined meeting.

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**ITEM 8 – To receive an update from the Events Manager on the Heritage Action Zone and the Thursday Late Night Shopping.**

Members received a full update from the Events & Tourism Manager on projects planned with Craven District Council using the Heritage Action Zone Funding. Those included the Ginnels Project, and the Otley Street Project which are aiming to encourage people to explore areas of Skipton they may not have before, and to promote the Heritage of those areas.

Councillors requested that the Events Manager presents an update on the Heritage Action Zone, including timescales on when projects will be taking place, to a Full Council Meeting.

Cllr. Solloway spoke about Skipton losing people from the area and to focus how to bring younger people back into the town. Councillors agreed that planning of these projects and events needed to be worked on jointly, and involve the Market Committee.

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**ITEM 9 – Notification of Business for Future Agenda.**

None

**The meeting closed at 19.45pm**

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