

Minutes of the meeting of the **EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, on **WEDNESDAY, 22ND MAY 2019**.

PRESENT: Councillor: **D. Farry** (Chair)

Councillors: J Cansella; N Jones; C Woods;

Officials: K Younghusband, Events and Projects Officer;

Outside Organisations: M Gray, Livin

ECE49.19-20 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020

It was Agreed that Councillor D. Farry be appointed Chairman of the Events & Community Engagement Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2019/20.

ECE50.19-20 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/2020

It was Agreed that Councillor J Cansella be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Events & Community Engagement Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2019/2020.

ECE51.19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from:

Councillor K Conroy

Councillor K Graham

ECE52.19-20 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

There were no member dispensations in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

ECE53.19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest had been received.

ECE54.19-20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

ECE55.19-20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the following Meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record:

Events & Community Engagement Sub-Committee - 25th April 2019

ECE56.19-20 UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

The Events & Projects Officer presented her report.

It was **Approved** that:

- (a) Christmas Lights be leased from Festive Lighting for the period 2019 – 2021 with a view to purchasing the lights at the end of the 3 year hire period;
- (b) Pending a decision by Full Council, as part of the Budgetary Control Process,

that the Christmas Lights Budget be increased to £10,000 in future years.
Malcolm Gray, Livin entered the Meeting at 6.15pm

ECE57.19-20

REVIEW OF RECENT EVENTS & UPDATE ON FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Events & Projects Officer presented her report.

The Chair thanked staff for all their hard work in organising the programme of events, some of which had been organised at very short notice.

The Chair expressed bitter disappointment that not all Councillors had got behind and supported the Town Council's Programme of Events, and was especially disappointed that they had not shared publicity relating to the forthcoming Ferryfest Event on social media. This was in some cases despite being observed sharing publicity for events being arranged by other organisations, groups and even other Town Councils.

It was **Agreed** that:

- (a) All organisations who delivered presentations or provided displays at the Annual Town Meeting is thanked for their contributions;
- (b) Carnival Funfairs be permitted the opportunity to host the Spring Fun Fair event annually, subject to negotiations on price;
- (c) As only a further 700 Ferryfest tickets needed to be sold to break even on the Event, that the Town Council proceed in hosting it, ensuring maximum publicity is awarded to it, including all Councillors with social media accounts sharing publicity for the event online;
- (d) M Gray, Livin to assist in promoting Ferryfest using Livin's intranet, and any other avenues available;
- (e) The Guest List for Ferryfest be accepted with the inclusion of FBEC, the 4Together Partnership, Supportive, Northumbrian Water & Fast Flow, and any other future sponsors and/or contributors to the event;
- (f) One further Meeting of the Events & Community Engagement Sub-Committee to be organised prior to the Ferryfest event taking place, to inform members of final arrangements for the event and to review ticket sales;
- (g) Existing Members be retained on the Ferryhill in Bloom WorkingGroup (Councillor Cansella, Councillor Farry, Councillor Jones and the Works Manager);
- (h) The Works Manager calls a meeting of the Ferryhill in Bloom Working Group to review the judges scoring sheet, and decide who will carry out the actual judging of the gardens this year (judging to take place on 15th and 16th July);
- (i) The Events & Projects Officer writes to the Banner Committee with a view to having a meeting, to discuss any future ways that the Council could support the Committee, to ensure that the numbers of people attending the Banner Parades are maintained, and if possible increased in future years;
- (j) The Events & Projects Officer and Councillor Woods assist in collecting monies on the buses for the Senior Citizens Trip, and that any other Councillor able to assist on the day (Thursday, 25th July) contacts the Events & Projects Officer, at

the Town Hall as soon as possible;

- (k) The Grants & Projects Officer and Councillor Farry visits the Public Houses in the Town Centre encouraging them to use plastic glasses during the weekend of the Summer Fayre;
- (l) Friendship through Art be contacted again, to encourage them to participate in this years Art & Photography Exhibition;
- (m) Mark Solan and Malcolm Turnbull (Mayors Charity representatives) be offered a stall at the Annual Summer Fayre, and at any other event where stalls are to be erected. The Events & Projects Officer to contact Mark and Malcolm direct.

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIR.....

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