

WALLINGFORD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the

Tourism and Economic Development Committee Meeting held the Town Council Offices,
Wallingford on
Monday 18th February 2019

PRESENT

The Mayor, Councillor Lee Upcraft
The Chairman, Councillor Beatty

Councillors Lester and McGregor

Mrs Sue Ross of the Town Information Centre

The Town Clerk, Mrs Paula Lopez

559. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hughes, District Councillor Hornsby and the Market Town Co-ordinator Mrs Blacker.

560. ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

There were no admissions of the public.

561. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Councillor with voting rights who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest as set out in our Council's Standing Orders Code of Conduct (Item 13) in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under code of conduct and his right to participate and vote on the matter (guidelines are available at the meeting and all Councillors have received a copy prior to the meeting) Information for each Member was available at the meeting.

There were no declarations of Interest.

562. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –NOTIFIED AND IMPROMPTU (Total 15 Minutes)

i) Louise Russell and Chantelle McDowell reported on a new event that they are proposing to hold on the Kinecroft to raise money for Nasio Trust which helps to support around 400 children in Kenya. The Nasio Trust works closely with some of the Wallingford schools. An event company would carry out the arrangements with the main attraction being Fire Walking along with be a variety of stalls including catering stalls and a bouncy castle (weather permitting). It is hoped the event will raise £6,000 for charity.

Councillor Beatty thanked Miss Russell and Miss McDowell for attending and stated that their request would be discussed later.

ii) Dennis Jackson reported on Wallingford Markets stating that although he was no longer directly involved with the markets he was very familiar with how they run and how they were originally set up. Following Mr Jackson's report Councillor Beatty thanked him for the information.

563. MINUTES

To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee meeting held on the 5th November 2018 as set out on pages 143 to 146 of the Minute Book, copies distributed to Councillors.

Correction: Councillor Cockman's name to be removed from the Minutes as he is no longer a Councillor and was not present at the meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Lester, Seconded by The Mayor

RESOLVED: THAT following the above correction the Minutes of the Tourism and Economic Development Committee meeting held on the 5th November 2018 as set out on pages 143 to 146 of the Minute Book, copies distributed to Councillors, copy attached to the minute book be signed as a correct record

564. NEW EVENT – USE OF THE KINECROFT BY NASIO TRUST FOR A CHARITY FIRE WALK

Members considered the new event following the request under public participation (Minute 562(i) above) and concluded that they had no objection to the event providing that all the necessary paperwork is completed, the insurance submitted and that the deposit is paid.

565. WALLINGFORD BRANDED CLOTHING

Members were generally happy with the designs that had been presented by Sportswize. The Town Clerk queried the crown being used in the design however following

a discussion Members concluded that this was acceptable as it was for official Council merchandise. Councillor Lester suggested that local schools could be involved in future designs and Members agreed, providing the designs were approved by the Tourism and Economic Development Committee. Mrs Ross of the Town Information Centre stated that they would like to have two separate designs of a bag with pictures of Wallingford printed on them and also other merchandise depicting Wallingford.

566. MARKET TOWN CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT

Mrs Blacker had apologised for not being at the meeting, however she had distributed a copy of her report (attached) in advance of the meeting. Members discussed the report and asked that the cost of the wooden direction signs be clarified as £100 appeared too low. However, it was agreed to proceed with the wooden direction signs providing the price was correct and that there is a budget for this.

567. AGATHA CHRISTIE UPDATE

Mrs Blacker provided a report stating the following:

- Planning permission for the sculpture was received in January.
- The request for S106 money for Public Art has been approved and will be released subject to LEADER grant application being approved.
- The LEADER grant application is currently with the appraisers and it is hoped to hear something in March.
- Once LEADER is successful the artist can commence work with a view to finishing the work December/January 2020.
- Work can start on the PR and communications plan once the LEADER grant is successful.

568. MARKETS IN WALLINGFORD

Members discussed the Markets and The Chairman, Councillor Beatty reported that he would be having a meeting with The Market Town Co-ordinator in the near future in order to get a full understanding of the Markets. The result of this discussion will be reported to Members at the next meeting.

569. REPORT FROM THE TOWN INFORMATION CENTRE

Mrs Ross of the Town Information Centre provided reports (attached) on

- Statistics
- General update from the Town Information Centre

The Chairman thanked Mrs Ross for attending.

570. COMMUNICATIONS WORKING PARTY

The Chairman of the Communications Working Party, The Mayor Councillor Upcraft gave an update:

- The e-News letter will in future be sent with fewer items but fortnightly. Mrs Ross asked if some could be printed to hand out to people who did not have access to the internet.
- The Mayor stated that the Working Party needed new Members for fresh input and that he would address this after the May elections.
- The Mayor reported that he would like to see more use of the Council Website for better community engagement.

The Town Clerk reminded The Mayor of Purdah from the 26th March and that the newsletter should not go out in the name of the Mayor or any other Councillor. The Town Clerk stated that the communications working Party was set up to deal with all areas of communication and not just the newsletter and this was noted by Members. The Town Clerk suggested that the working party could look at other ways to communicate with the public such as one to one sessions with Councillors.

571. EVENTS

Future Events Noted

5th March – Pancake Day

16th March – Wallingford's 1155 Litter Pick

30th March - Castle History Walk

27th April – St Georges Day Celebrations

12th May – Vehicle Rally and Parade

Band Concerts – 2nd June, 23rd June, 14th July and 11th August

15th June – Carnival

13th and 14th July - Festival of Cycling

18th, 20th and 21st July – the Wallingford Project – Stuart Emerson's Photography Project

30th August – 1st September – BunkFest

6th – 8th September – Agatha Christie Weekend – Museum/Town Hall

572. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Markets.