

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024** AT 7.00 P.M. AT NEWTON'S PLACE, 43 WOLBOROUGH STREET, NEWTON ABBOT.

**PRESENT** Councillors M Ryan (Chairperson) Presiding  
A Hall (Vice-Chairperson)

Councillors J Bradford C Davieson  
R Buscombe A Ineson  
L Cooke M Joyce  
D Corney-Walker C Parker

In attendance: Natalie Hicks - Events Co-ordinator  
Linda McGuirk - Principal Administrator  
Nigel Canham - Communications Advisor

**E33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Sally Henley – Town Development Manager. Councillor J Cook did not attend.

**E34. INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED**

None declared.

**E35. MINUTES**

The minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were received and signed as a correct record.

**E36. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**E37. EASTER 2024**

The Events Co-ordinator gave a verbal report on the recent Easter event and expressed her thanks to the Councillors who had helped on the day. The town was very busy with 800 chocolate eggs handed out to children in less than two hours. Entertainment included face painting, balloon modelling, walkabout acts and an appearance from Newton, the Councils mascot.

In addition, St Leonard's Clock Tower was open to visitors, Creative Newton Abbot provided free craft activities and there were egg & spoon races in the street. Newton Abbot Community Shed attended the event with their popular Easter themed tamarisque.

The Chairperson, Councillor M Ryan reminded members that their support is required to ensure the events can proceed.

Chair initials.....

**E38. BAND CONCERTS 2024**

Members noted the table of band concert dates and sponsorship for 2024, circulated prior to the meeting.

The Events Co-ordinator confirmed that an ice cream van and a hot drinks vendor will be present at the band concerts, a percentage of their takings on the day will be paid to the Town Council.

**E39. NATC 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1974 to 2024**

The Events Co-ordinator reported on the plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Newton Abbot Town Council. A tree planting ceremony will be held in Courtenay Park on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 followed by refreshments at Newton's Place. Invitations have been sent to all current and ex Councillors and Officers. The Town Crier will be attending the event in his new uniform, photographs of the Town Criers new uniform were displayed on the large screen during the meeting.

Members asked about disabled parking in Courtenay Park to help invitees to attend the tree planting. The Events Co-ordinator will investigate the best option and advise accordingly.

The Communications Advisor, Nigel Canham will attend the event and produce a press release.

**E40. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT**

Members noted the report from the Town Development Manager, as circulated prior to the meeting.

**E41. SUMMER EVENTS**

The Events Co-ordinator reported on the following events scheduled over the summer period:

**D Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

D Day events will include raising the Flag of Peace at St Leonard's Clock Tower, wreath laying, bell ringing at St Leonard's Clock Tower and Highweek Church and culminating with beacons being lit at Highweek, Wolborough and Buckland. The Events Co-ordinator advised that Councillors are required to be in attendance at each beacon location and invited members to contact her to register their availability, further details will be circulated to members by email.

**Barham Cup - 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

The race is being run by Teignmouth Regatta and supported by the Town Council. Councillor A Hall is representing the Council and entering a team. Spectators are encouraged to view the race at Combe Cellars Public House or from the bridge at the Town Quay.

Chair initials.....

**Party in the Park Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Party in the Park will be held over the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024. The event is being held in partnership with Newton Abbot Rotary Club. The Rotary Club are organising the Saturday, at the time of the meeting a progress report had not been received. The Events Co-ordinator confirmed that the Town Council are managing the Sunday and that plans are progressing well. Entertainment will include The Bubble Fairy, hula hoop shows and workshop, free craft activities with Creative Newton Abbot, balloon modelling, face painting, cocktails, ice cream and hot drinks vendors. Live music in the bandstand with Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue brass band. Discussions are being held with Coombeshead Academy, who have been invited to perform in the bandstand prior to the brass band in the afternoon.

The Chairperson, Councillor M Ryan, suggested holding a quiz night prior to Party In the Park to raise funds for the Mayors Charity. Following a discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED** that Newton Abbot Town Council will hold a Quiz Night on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024. All proceeds will be given to the Mayors Charity.

**E42. INCOME & EXPENDITURE**

The Events Co-ordinator referred to the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 for the Events Sub-Committee, previously circulated.

**RESOLVED** that the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 for the Events Sub-Committee be hereby noted and accepted.

**E43. LATE CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**E44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairperson closed the meeting and advised the next meeting of the Events Sub-Committee would be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

Meeting closed at 19:42 hrs.

Chairperson.....Date.....

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