

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL****Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Annexe, College House on Monday 6th March 2023 at 5.30pm**

Present: Councillors C Aked, C Baines, S Barlow, R Connolly (Chair), R Ireland, and I Wellings

In Attendance: Mrs C Turner, Town Clerk
Miss A Plimmer, Business Administrator
4 members of the public

0393/2223 WELCOME

The Chair issued a welcome to the meeting.

0394/2223 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was proposed by Councillor C Aked, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: that the Committee accept the apologies and reasons for absence for the following Councillors:

N Cooper - Personal Commitment

0395/2223 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

0396/2223 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

0397/2223 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor C Baines
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023.

0398/2223 MEMBERS QUESTION TIME

There were no members questions.

0399/2223 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Members discussed preliminary preparations for the Remembrance Sunday service in Bridgnorth on Sunday 12th November 2023. The 2022 event was discussed, and it was noted that Castle Hall was not busy enough to warrant having a buffet, and could light refreshments be put on in the church instead. It was also noted that the grassed area in Castle Grounds is not an appropriate place for the Councillors to stand. A full meeting with other involved parties took place after this meeting.

0400/2223 SEVERN PARK SLIPWAY

Members discussed a fee for ad-hoc commercial use of the Severn Park Slipway to operate alongside the Slipway Permit Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor I Wellings, seconded by Councillor C Aked



Majority agreed by all Councillors, abstained by Councillor R Ireland
RESOLVED: to charge a fee of £25 for one off uses of the Slipway in Severn Park.

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REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL/OUTSIDE BODIES USE OF TOWN COUNCIL LAND

1. Italian Auto Festival

The Chair invited the organiser of the Italian Auto Festival to discuss the event with the Councillors and address the concerns raised. Mr Morris started by giving some background to the event and why it is now held in Bridgnorth. There was then much discussion on the concerns raised by the Events Committee and the following recommendations were made to Mr Morris to improve safety;

- To create an event control point for first aid, lost children, and general information.
- To not have cars down the centre of the High Street to improve access for emergency vehicles.
- To provide Bridgnorth Town Council with the plan of cars once they are all booked in.
- To have a meeting with Councillors Barlow, Ireland and Wellings to discuss arrangements for access to the Cartway.
- To improve on the day communication by using walkie talkies, Mr Morris stated this is already something they are looking at.
- To improve communication with local residents and businesses by increasing letter drops and working with local groups or volunteers.
- To make sure that all cars have an appropriate level of exhaust fumes and volume for the area.

2. Rowing Club Regatta

Members discussed the charge for hiring Severn Park. A member of the Rowing club was present at the meeting and was invited forward to discuss the issue. He explained that part of the problem at the 2022 event was that only one of the ticket machines was working which in turn delayed their event. He was assured that this would be looked into to make sure they are in full working order for the 2023 event. After much discussion, It was proposed by Councillor I Wellings, seconded by Councillor R Ireland Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to charge the Rowing Club a fee of £300 for using the left hand side of Severn Park for their Regatta but to include within that the cost of the tickets for visiting umpires.

3. Music & Arts Festival

Members received an update from the organisers of the Music & Arts Festival on their plans for the 2023 event. The group would like to use the Castle Grounds on Saturday 26th August 2023 and the Quayside on Monday 28th August 2023. They have also asked to use electricity from the Town Hall on Sunday 27th August 2023 as this has been the case in previous years.

It was proposed by Councillor R Connolly, seconded by Councillor R Ireland Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to recommend that the group applies for a grant to cover the costs of hiring the Castle Grounds and Quayside.



4. Carnival

The organisers of the Carnival were not present at the meeting.
It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to defer this item to a subsequent meeting after gathering more information from the organisers.

0402/2223 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items raised for the next agenda.

End : 7.05pm

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