

**BRIDGNORTH TOWN COUNCIL****Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting of Bridgnorth Town Council held in the Annexe, College House on Monday 9th January 2023 at 6.30pm.**

Present: Councillors C Aked, C Baines, S Barlow, R Connolly, N Cooper, R Ireland, and I Wellings

In Attendance: Mrs C Turner, Town Clerk
Miss A Plimmer, Business Administrator

0301/2223 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

0302/2223 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were declared.

0303/2223 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

0304/2223 **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor N Cooper, seconded by Councillor S Barlow
Abstained by Councillors R Ireland and C Baines.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the extraordinary Events Committee meeting held on Friday 18th November 2022.

0305/2223 **MEMBERS QUESTION TIME**

Councillor I Wellings posed two public questions. Both were answered by the Town Clerk and Business Administrator

Question 1: Italian Auto Festival

“As BTC are not in favour of this event continuing in the High St for 2023. Has any notification been sent the Event Organisers advising of this decision.”

Answer: We have not informed them yet. However, if this is something the Council feels needs to be done sooner rather than later, we can look to contact the organisers.

Question 2: Bridgnorth Musical Theatre Company

“As it would appear that this event is going ahead in the Town Hall according to press releases, have BMTC been advised that BTC will require the signing of a disclaimer which indemnifies BTC against any legal action for non-compliance with the Equality Act 2010, which incorporates the Disability Discrimination Act. Public Buildings are required by Law to provide access for people with Disabilities.”

Answer: BMTC are aware that the Town Hall does not have disabled access. However, they have not been asked to sign a disclaimer. This is something that will be looked into.

0306/2223 **ROAD CLOSURES**

Members received a verbal report from Alex Postlethwaite of Shropshire Highways regarding road closures in Bridgnorth. Mr Postlethwaite spoke about the role that Shropshire Highways plays when dealing with road closures and that their aim is to purely consider the safety of



the traffic management plan, closure of the road and any parking implications. They are not there to 'approve' the event, only the road closure. Mr Postlethwaite stated that in the future, Shropshire Highways would like to have more involvement with Councils so that they can provide local knowledge on the roads and area. He would like to be more proactive in involving Bridgnorth Town Councils when requests are received for the Bridgnorth area.

0307/2223 **TEDDY BEARS PICNIC**

Members reviewed a report regarding the 2023 Teddy Bears Picnic.
It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED:

- a. For the event to start at 11am and finish at 2pm.
- c. To charge an entry fee of £1 per adult and 50p per child.

Members discussed the activities that could take place this year.
It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor C Akeed
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to follow the same format as the 2019 event, with the addition of contacting the Library to see if they would like to be involved.

0308/2223 **KINGS CORONATION TEA PARTY**

Members reviewed a report regarding the Kings Coronation Tea Party.
It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor I Wellings
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors
RESOLVED: to hold a tea party for the Kings Coronation on Saturday 13th May 2023.

Members felt for ease of organisation and following the successful Platinum Jubilee Tea Party, that a working group should be set up to handle this event.
It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor R Connolly
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors
RESOLVED: to form a Kings Coronation Tea Party working group.

It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor N Cooper
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors
RESOLVED: for membership of the working group to be Councillors S Barlow, R Connolly, and N Cooper.

0309/2223 **SLIPWAY PERMIT SCHEME**

Members discussed the feedback for the Slipway Permit Scheme proposal. To avoid confusion, it was suggested that the term 'Annual' be changed to 'Seasonal' in the permit.
It was proposed by Councillor N Cooper, seconded by Councillor S Barlow
Abstained by Councillor R Ireland
RESOLVED: that Councillors R Connolly and I Wellings will sign off on a letter thanking the canoe companies for their feedback and informing them that the Slipway Permit Scheme will be going ahead.

0310/2223 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Members suggested that the Business Administrator organise a meeting with the RAF, Royal British Legion, Events Committee and Church to start preliminary plans for the 2023 event in early March.

0311/2223 **CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON**



It was proposed by Councillor S Barlow, seconded by Councillor N Cooper
Unanimously agreed by all Councillors

RESOLVED: to set the date for the 2023 Christmas Light Switch on as Friday 24th
November 2023.

0312/2223 **REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL/OUTSIDE BODIES USE OF TOWN COUNCIL LAND**

1. Bridgnorth Rowing Club

Members discussed the Rowing Club regatta and asked Town Council officers if they
could speak to the Rowing club and ask for further clarification of the land they would like
to use before discussing any charges.

0313/2223 **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

There were no items mentioned for the next agenda. However members were informed that
they can send any future agenda items to either the Town Clerk or Business Administrator.