

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 in the Council Chamber, Old School House,
Market Hill, Brandon at 12pm

Present: Ms S Annear, Mrs A Barnes, Mrs J Blanchard, Cllr V Lukaniuk, Mrs J Prior, Cllr N Siebert,
Cllr C Watts

In the absence of the Chair, Mrs Prior was voted unanimously to Chair the meeting.

- 1 **APOLOGIES** for absence and approval of reasons tendered.
Cllr J Hughes - absent.
- 2 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** and additions to Members Register of Interest.
Mrs A Barnes and Mrs J Prior – Employees.
- 3 **TO RECEIVE, CONFIRM AND SIGN MINUTES** of Events Committee Meeting of 23rd November 2023.
Proposer: Mrs A Barnes
Seconder: Cllr C Watts
Resolution Record No: **BTCE/151/24/Jan/24**
CARRIED: Unanimous

THE EVENTS COMMITTEE RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2023 BE APPROVED.

- 4 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
None.

- 5 **OVERVIEW/FEEDBACK** on the Christmas Event 2023.
Mrs Prior stated that she had contacted the stall holders to request feedback and most noticeable was that it was very quiet after the lights were switched on. A general discussion took place on how to rectify this. It was suggested that the event finishes in future approximately half an hour after the light switch on and Santa an hour after. Some of the charity stalls feedback was that there were lots of 'like' stalls. This seems to be primarily because charity stalls mostly have tombola and raffles. There was discussion about offering two or three choices for stall content and the Council would allocate accordingly to try and avoid this at future events.
All the feedback received was positive agreeing that the event was very successful albeit a bit cold. All comments have been noted with a view to resolving any issues that were highlighted at the next event.

Signed.....

Ms Annear gave feedback on the grotto stating that having two Santa's and additional elves was helpful and meant that the grotto flowed smoothly. She felt that Santa switching on the Christmas Lights was well received and felt it would be a good idea for Santa to switch them on again. She thought our quiet SEN session went well and should be repeated with an additional second session. Mrs Prior commented that there were a few Santa grotto gifts remaining that were donated to the Church Institute.

6 D-DAY EVENT outlay details for the event.

There was a lengthy discussion and the consensus of the opinion was the event should be commemorative rather than a celebratory one. It was decided that on the 6th June, actual D-Day, that we would have a small event at the beacon on the Brandon Remembrance Playing Fields from 8:30pm to 9:30pm and plan to represent the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war by having battery operated candles for people to hold whilst readings take place around the beacon which will be lit at 9:15pm to coincide with the lighting of the beacons throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. There will be a minutes silence to precede the lighting of the beacon. It was decided to hold a second event on Market Hill on Saturday 8th June with some informative and interactive stall and displays to give an insight of life and the time at the time of D-Day. Mrs Barnes commented that she would like to put some flags or similar decorations over the cemetery gates. Cllr Lukaniuk thanked the committee for the invitation to the meeting and acknowledged the research that had been carried out so far and stated he would like to see all the relevant flags flying on Market Hill. Mrs Barnes pointed out that there were not enough brackets on Market Hill to fly all the flags. After discussion it was decided to fly them down the High Street. Cllr Lukaniuk offered some of his locality fund if required, for the purchase of flags and other items that might be needed. There was a discussion to include our local historian Darren Norton in our planning for the event. Mrs Prior mentioned that there might be the need to book some things quickly because of availability. The Events Committee stated they were happy for Mrs Prior to do this if necessary.

7 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

None.

The meeting closed at 1.15pm

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