

BRANDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting
held on Monday 9th September 2024 in the Council Chamber, Old School House,
Market Hill, Brandon at 11am

Present: Mrs A Barnes, Mrs J Blanchard, Mrs J Prior, Cllr C Watts

Due to the Chair being absent, it was proposed and agreed by all that, Mrs Barnes chair the meeting.

1 APOLOGIES for absence and approval of reasons tendered.

Cllr J Hughes – apologies accepted.

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 16th May 2024.

Proposer: Cllr C Watts

Seconder: Mrs J Blanchard

Resolution Record No: **BTCE/67/09/Sep/24**

CARRIED: Unanimous

THE EVENTS COMMITTEE RESOLVES THAT THE MINUTES OF THE
EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING OF THURSDAY 16TH MAY 2024 BE APPROVED.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

5 SUMMER ACTIVITIES - update.

Mrs Prior gave feedback regarding the summer activities it was felt that they had been successful and very well supported. There was a general discussion and it was felt we should consider doing it again next year. Mrs Barnes commented that it was nice that the library had been involved and their input was very well received. She wondered if they might consider doing story telling regularly in the school holidays. Mrs Prior commented that she would contact the library regarding this.

6 CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024 – planning.

There was an in-depth discussion about the Christmas Fair. Mrs Blanchard the Brandon Creative Forum representative commented that she had been around the shops to arrange the windows display and Forest Academy are busy making decorations.

There was a lengthy discussion about whether or not we should have a lorry for a stage and what acts would be performing at the Christmas Fair. There was discussion about sizes of pitches and the charges, monitoring the type of stall to try and provide a good mix, that will appeal to everybody.

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After further discussion it was decided that the event would take place on Saturday 30th November from 1pm to 5:30pm, Santa will arrive at 1:15pm and will be ready to open the grotto at 1:30pm, which will remain open until the end of the fair. Mrs Claus will switch the Christmas lights on at 5pm. Mrs Prior will contact the people that we would like to perform. There was a discussion about having the centre of Market Hill as the performance area, rather than having a lorry as a stage as that occupies four pitches. Hopefully that will allow for more stalls. All stalls will be one pitch and this year any free charity stalls wanting an additional pitch (if available) will need to pay for the extra pitch. Likewise, all other stalls will pay for each 3-metre pitch. There was a discussion about having quieter Santa sessions. Mrs Prior will check that we are able to do this. It was decided that the charity supported by Brandon Town Council would remain the same as last year, the Mark Skinner Campaign and next year we will look at other local charities.

7 VE DAY 2025 - planning.

A number of suggestions were made about what we could do to celebrate VE Day. Mrs Prior mentioned that she had already registered to take part in the beacon lighting event on 8th May 2025 and that she was in the middle of arranging for the church bells to be rung to coincide with the lighting of the beacon. There were a number of suggestions such as arranging a tea dance on Saturday 10th May and having a 1940's singer/band to perform at the tea dance. A suggestion was made to have a treasure trail around the town, for the children to participate in. It was suggested we contact Darren Norton, to raid his photo library, to help with this. The children that take part would each receive a certificate. Mrs Prior is to sort these. Mrs Barnes would be putting up bunting on Market Hill and it was decided to order the special VE Day flag. There was a discussion about potentially displaying vehicles from the 1940's at the celebration. Mrs Prior will contact the Market Inspector about this. It was also suggested that we might charge a nominal fee for the tea dance tickets and if we raise any money, it will go to the Royal British Legion. The next events meeting will be mid-October.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 12.34pm

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