

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Communications & Events Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30th January 2019 commencing at 11:30am in the Stable Gallery, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Thomas (Chair), Bartlett, Lacey, Norman, Rumsey and Sutcliffe.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Town Clerk and the Markets Officer.

CE42/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies to be received.

CE43/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of Interest was made:

- Cllr Sutcliffe – Trader on the Farmers Market.

CE44/18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

CE45/18 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present. No issues were raised.

CE46/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Communications and Events Committee meeting held on 21st November 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

CE47/18 CLERK'S REPORT

Committee noted the following items:

- The draft updated Town Council logo presented was agreed;
- A Warning Order regarding the Rifles Freedom of the Town that was to be exercised over Armed Forces Week was noted;
- The Neighbourhood Plan referendum information was noted.

CE48/18 MARKET OFFICER'S REPORT

The Market Officer presented a report updating Committee on the Leominster markets. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted. No specific matters were raised.

CE49/18 TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

The Centre report was presented. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the report be noted. The following matters were specifically noted:

- The TIC website was now fully operation and a number of additional businesses had expressed an interest in membership of the Association;

- The Mortimer Country Consortium would cease to operate as from March 2019. It had been agreed to transfer the remaining funds held by the consortium subject to a Mortimer Country page being provided on the TIC website;
- Further concerns were expressed regarding the lack of accommodation in Leominster. The future use of the Royal Oak now it had been sold was unclear and the Barons Cross Inn had now closed;
- It was agreed to submit Asset of Community Value applications for the Royal Oak and Barons Cross Inn, and to investigate whether the Barons Cross Inn was up for sale.

CE50/18 COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

The Committee received the update report and, following discussion,

RESOLVED:

- That the report be noted;
- That the road closures applied for be noted;
- To approve the organisation of a Teddy Bears Picnic Party on 20th July 2019. A budget of £200 was approved out of the Events budget;
- To approve the organisation of an Easter Egg hunt. It was recommended that advantage be taken of the road closure that had been secured for 20th April 2019 for the event;
- To allocate a sum not exceeding £805 to purchase a new PA system and radio microphone. A second quotation was requested;
- To note that initial Christmas Light schemes would be available at the March 2019 meeting. A final decision on the preferred scheme would be made in July by Full Council;
- Thanks were extended to Cllr Preece and Oldfields Garage for their valued support of the Christmas Lights;
- That further information on the outdoor theatre proposals be obtained and submitted to Committee for approval;
- That further information on a proposed Fireworks event for Leominster be submitted to Committee for consideration;
- That further information regarding the event planned on The Grange on 10th August 2019 be requested. It was noted that the alcohol and entertainment licence had been approved.

CE51/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 11:30am in the Old Stable Gallery, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

There being no other business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 12:47pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: