



WISBECH TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

10 JANUARY 2017 – 7.30 pm

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present: Councillor Miss Hoy, Chairman; Councillors Balsevics, Oliver, Miss Oliver, Tibbs and Tierney.

Apologies: Councillor Hodgson.

Public Participation: None requested.

The minutes of the meeting of the Community Events and Festivals Committee held on 17 October 2016 were confirmed and signed.

C7/16 Budget 2017/18

The Chairman reported that the Policy and Resources Committee had agreed, at its meeting on 9 January 2017 (minute R12/16 refers), to recommend to 23 January 2017 meeting of Wisbech Town Council (at which the council's budget and precept for the financial year 2017/18 will be set) that the budget for community events and festivals for the financial year 2017/18 be retained at the same level as for the current financial year (2016/17).

In 2016/17 the financial provision for community events and festivals (totalling £20,000) is shown as having specific financial sums allocated to particular events (for example, £5,000 for the Christmas lights switch-on).

The Chairman recommended to members that in 2017/18 there be no specific allocations to events; the allocation of the total sum of £20,000 for community events and festivals would be a matter for determination by this committee. The council's budget for 2017/18 would show a single figure of £20,000.

Members decided, on the proposal of Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Balsevics, that the information reported by the Chairman be noted and that the recommendation of the Chairman regarding the allocation of funding for community events and festivals be approved.

C8/16 Programme of events for the calendar year 2017

Members considered the production of a programme of community events and festivals for the calendar year 2017.

Members decided that

- (1) Wisbech Town Council would deliver the following community events and festivals in the calendar year 2017:
 - St George's event on 22 April (to be "refreshed", to include activities such as battle re-enactment)
 - WisBEACH Day on 4 June (building upon the success of the event launched in 2016)
 - Rock Festival on 6 August (continuing to make the festival bigger and better)



- Christmas Lights Extravaganza on 26 November;
- (2) the council would support, as appropriate, other events within Wisbech, such as: Armed Forces Day, the Arles Festival, the Halloween Spooktacular and the Wisbech Christmas Fayre;
 - (3) a meeting of the Community Events and Festivals Working Party be arranged for 6 February 2017 to begin the planning necessary to deliver the council's community events and festivals programme for 2017.

Meeting finished at 7.50 pm.

Signed.....

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