

**Minutes of the Meeting of Hellesdon Events Committee
Held on Wednesday 4th October 2023, 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber**

Present at the Meeting

Cllr L. Douglass
Cllr B. Johnson
Cllr R. Forder
Cllr S. Smith
Cllr R. Sear
Cllr D. Britcher
L. Pointin – Senior Admin Officer
F. LeBon – Clerk

Welcome

No members of the public present.

1. **Apologies and acceptance for absence**
Apologies received from Cllr S. Gurney.
2. **Declaration of Interest and Dispensations**
No dispensations or declarations were made.
3. **To receive approval of the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023.**
Minutes were circulated and **AGREED** by those present at the meeting held.
4. **Public Participation** (as permitted by Standing Order 3.d & 5.k. xiii)
No member of the public attended the meeting.
5. **Community Engagement – Bull Pub and Hellesdon Carnival**
 - Cllr Douglass thanked Councillors who have engaged with the events. The Quiz Night was disappointing in as much as there seemed to be a lack of communication between the event organiser and staff members. The Clerk will feed this back to the Bull Public House.
 - Cllr Douglass conveyed her disappointment that consistently, it is the same handful of Councillors who attend events. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm for community engagement / meeting residents amongst Councillors.
 - The stall at the Hellesdon Carnival was ‘Your Hellesdon Councillors’ and would have been a great opportunity for cross party members to be involved and help to remove some of the stigma which is frequently associated with Councillors.
6. **Scarecrow Festival**
 - The Scarecrow Festival has received a good response from businesses, 3 Care Homes are involved this year as well as a few other businesses. To heighten the profile Cllr Douglass has suggested that this is constantly reposted on Facebook.

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7. **Senior Citizen Christmas Party**
 - Senior Admin Officer obtained a price from Kelly's Bakery who supplied the sausage rolls last year. As the cost is quite high, we will go to Gregg's Bakery this year. Cllr Sear has advised that he may be able to get a discount from Gregg's as he has a contact there. Senior Admin Officer to contact Greggs on Fifers Lane.
 - Christmas cake etc, has not yet been purchased for the Christmas Party as when the Senior Admin Officer checked on Asda a few weeks ago, it was not showing as being available, everything will be purchased in one go.
 - Sandwiches for the 9th December will be booked later in the month, currently you are only able to order 8 weeks in advance of the delivery date.

8. **Summer Fayre 2024**
 - Senior Admin Officer has been contacted by the Busybodies Stage School in Dereham who have offered a free performance of their Elite Performance Team on the 22nd June 2024. Senior Admin Officer will contact Busybodies to confirm, the timing will be approximately 11.30 am and they will open the Summer Fayre.
 - Currently we have 11 food and drink vendors, 11 stalls, the Fairground rides which we had last year and also Bungee Trampoline Beds.
 - Cllr Smith will confirm with the Bungee Trampoline Beds vendor that they will be providing the one attraction only.

9. **80's Night 27th January 2024**
 - Nick has been booked for the event. Cllr Douglass will provide Nick with the Senior Admin Officers email address. There will be a bottle bar with tickets being available at the end of November, the event will be set up on Facebook on the 27th November 2023.
 - The cost of the ticket for the event will be £10 each.

10. **D-Day 80 Beacons / Event – 6th June 2024**
 - There was a discussion around having a beacon for the D-Day 80, these can be very costly so it will be raised in Full Council.
 - If we do have a beacon, it would be lit at 9.15 pm on the 6th June 2024.
 - This would be a celebration of what D-Day meant for Hellesdon residents. It would be a community event so we would endeavor to obtain stories from residents who have recollection of D-Day and publish these on boards along with images.
 - We will put an advert in Just Hellesdon to see if we have any D-Day veterans in Hellesdon or if residents have a recollection, there is also the possibility that there are stories which have been passed down through generations as well as treasured medals.
 - Senior Admin Officer to see if a Fish and Chip van is available so that residents attending could have fish and chip supper, there would also be an option of either a bottle bar or bring your own.
 - The Marjorie Lewis Hall will be booked out for the 6th June, currently Bingo has this booked out so the hirer will need to be contacted and advised their booking will be cancelled for this event.
 - The Clerk has advised that there are WW2 Council minutes which have not yet gone to the Norfolk Archive Centre, this is something that can be explored.
 - Cllr Forder has a contact for a piper and will make the necessary calls in order to secure their services.

11. **To confirm the date, time and venue of the next meeting.**
 Wednesday 8th November 2023 @7pm, this meeting will be inclusive of budget setting. Senior Admin Officer will not be present at the meeting.

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