

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 22 July 2015 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Lang (Chair)
H Bettison
D Blackburn
A Forbes
G Hill
C Seymour

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
2 members of the public

OPEN SESSION

There were no statements by members of the public present.

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillor I Dixon.
Absent: Councillor J Beresford.

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2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

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4. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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5. BERWICK WALKING FESTIVAL

Members noted and discussed the previously circulated report reviewing the

2015 Berwick Walking Festival. During discussions members felt, however, that before they could agree to financial support for the 2016 Festival, that the organiser should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Events Committee as well as completing a grant application form.

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6. EVENTS COMMITTEE

This item would give Members a chance to re-visit why the Committee exists and what it is trying to achieve. Also it is a chance to set some criteria, which would be published, on the type of grant that would be supported. In practice, the Committee currently makes recommendations on grants received. It was felt that the Events Committee should agree a budget for approval and would then make recommendations for grant funding direct to full Council. A list of grants made in previous years could be made available. Applications should be made for all grants and feedback provided. Criteria could be set for what people can apply for in a more clearly defined process. Summaries of what has been spent and what is left in the budget may be provided for each meeting of the Committee. It was hoped to produce an explanation of the grant system for those applying. The type of help that could be available was discussed, i.e. financial, material or advertising. Members also discussed how long an event should be supported for, and it was felt that each event should be taken on its own merits.

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7. EVENTS GRANTS

Discussed with previous Item 6 (Events Committee).

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8. EVENTS ROUND-UP 2015-16

Spittal Seaside Festival would take place on 8 and 9 August 2015.

The Lifeboat Festival would take place on 16 August 2015.

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 21 September 2015 at 6 pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall.