

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 3 June 2013 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	I Hunter	(In the Chair for Item 1 and present for Item 1 only)
	I Dixon	(In the Chair for Item 2 onwards)
	J Beresford	
	H Bettison	
	P Elliott	
	G Hill	
	J Robertson	
	G Roughead	
	F Simpson	

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

3 members of the public

E001/13 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor I Dixon be appointed Chairman of the Events Committee for the year 2013-14.

The Chairman took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

[NOTE: Councillor I Hunter left the room for the remainder of the meeting.]

E002/13 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

E003/13 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Beresford be appointed Vice Chairman of the

Events Committee for the year 2013-14.

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4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2013 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

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5. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public present.

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6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor H Bettison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 13 (applications for financial assistance, Spittal Improvement Trust);

Councillor I Dixon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 13 (applications for financial assistance, Spittal Improvement Trust);

Councillor G Roughead declared a personal interest in Item 13 (applications for financial assistance, Black Waves Theatre Company).

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7. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

E008/13

8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was agreed that significant improvements had been made to Christmas lights in the town centre and that no further substantial investment was required.

Requests for new light features in areas outside the town centre would be considered as received. Expenditure would otherwise be confined to maintenance of existing fittings and annual costs of putting up and removing the lights.

E009/13

9. BERWICK WALKING FESTIVAL

The Clerk reported that the Berwick Walking festival website was now live at www.berwickwalking.co.uk. The dates of the Festival were 5 – 7 April 2014 and there would a varied programme of walks of different lengths and for different abilities.

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10. CAN AM 24 JULY 2014

Donald Piper had visited Berwick-upon-Tweed recently and had been hosted by Ed Swales, KOSB regimental secretary, as events would be centred on the Barracks. The programme of events would probably be similar to 2012 with the band playing at various locations around the town. The band hoped to perform within the Barracks, and Councillor Robertson was hoping to arrange a matinee

performance at the Maltings. A visit in 2016 was also being considered and it was hoped to link this to Minden Day.

E011/13

11. BERWICK 900

This event would celebrate the 900th anniversary of Berwick-upon-Tweed being mentioned in recorded documents; one meeting of the steering group had been held and a further was due shortly. The programme would build on traditional events and add some new, as well as celebrating others such as the annual meeting of the Freemen of England and Wales who would be holding their annual meeting in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

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12. EVENTS ROUND-UP 2013-14

The Three Fields Residents' Association would be holding a Fun Day on Sunday, 18 August 2013. The day would include visits from members of the Armed Forces, Berwick District Motor Club and the Scooter Club and would also have bands providing entertainment.

Spittal Gala had a change of venue and a majority of events would now take place at the end of Spittal, while the football competition would still take place on the School Field.

The Tweedmouth Feast would take place in July with the Crowning of the Salmon Queen event on Thursday, 18 July and Float Parade on Sunday, 21 July.

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13. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Councillors H Bettison and I Dixon, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the room during discussion of the applications by Spittal Improvement Trust, Councillor J Beresford taking the chair for these items.

Standing orders were suspended during consideration of the application by Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival to enable Joe Lang to respond to questions.

RESOLVED: (i) To make £0 available to Spittal Improvement Trust [SIT] 'Craft Tour' Event as the event had already taken place. Councillors also agreed to consider requests for support where money has already been spent only in exceptional circumstances; (ii) To make £2,000 available to Spittal Improvement Trust [SIT] Annual Events (Spittal Gala, Spittal Seaside Festival and Christmas Parade – Spittal) with the recommendation that an additional emptying of litter bins takes place at the end of the first day of Spittal Gala; (iii) To make £550 available to Black Waves Theatre Company;

and (iv) To make £0 available to Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival having already supported the event as part of a previous application.

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14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No invitations had been received.

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15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 8 July 2013 at 6 pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall.