

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 5 March 2012 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors:	J Waterhouse (Chair)	W Grant (from Item 5)
	J Beresford	A Reid
	H Bettison	J Robertson
	A Bowlas	J Smith
	I Dixon	

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

2 members of the public

E065/11 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillor P Herdman (holiday).

E066/11 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

E067/11 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public.

E068/11 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

E069/11 5. AMENDMENT TO MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: Councillor Grant to be a member of the Events Committee.

E070/11 6. BERWICK EVENTS GROUP

Councillor Waterhouse reported that a new group was forming to try and raise funds to hold a Dickensian Market in 2012. Councillor Bettison agreed to attend future Berwick Events Group meetings when Councillor Waterhouse is unavailable.

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7. EVENTS IN 2012/2013

- Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The Chairman suspended standing orders.

Michael Richardson briefed the meeting on Berwick Rotary Clubs plans for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4 June. These plans include 3 marquees on the grass area at The Parade, performances by Norham Brass Band and Spittal Variety Group and a competition for children from local first schools. It was hoped that permission would be given for the beacon on the ramparts to be lit at 10.30 pm.

The Chairman re-instated standing orders.

The Clerk reported that other planned events include a Jubilee Fete in the Guild Hall and a shop window display competition.

- Olympic Torch Relay

The Clerk reported that the route and timings for the event on 14 June 2012 will be officially announced on 19 March 2012. Northumberland County Council will be responsible for road closures and health and safety. The torch would be in Berwick for about an hour. The Town Council's plans include an event on Tweed Green for pre-school children and their families, and an evening event on the Quayside.

- Can Am Pipes and Drums

The band will arrive at 10.30 at the Barracks on 8 August, where they will have the Drill Hall available for use. At noon they will depart to march through the town to play in front of the Town Hall, followed by a civic lunch. It is intended to use the afternoon as an opportunity for a tour of the town, or informal music sessions, before reconvening at the Town Hall at 18.00 – 18.30 to depart.

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8. EVENTS LEAFLET

Town Council staff had been gathering information for the Events Leaflet and copy would shortly be provided to the printers. The distribution day of 27 March 2012 was the target date for completion.

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9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Golden Square lights have now been repaired, while tenders for Christmas 2012 still need to be prepared.

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10. FESTIVE LIGHTS ON SCOTS GATE

The Clerk distributed printed pictures of potential Festive Lights that could be placed on Scots Gate at an estimated cost of £1500. These were agreed by the meeting and the Clerk authorised to proceed to order a Welcome to Berwick illuminated sign with the option of additional emblems appropriate to the occasion.

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11. MEMBERSHIP OF NNTA

The Clerk advised that in order for the North Northumberland Tourism Association (NNTA) to distribute the 2012 Events Leaflet the Town Council was required to join at a cost of £35.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council join the NNTA.

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12. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NOTE: Councillor Grant declared a personal interest in Item 12 (application relating to Rotary Club of Berwick-upon-Tweed).

RESOLVED: (i) To make £750 available to Berwick Events Group on the condition that the Dickensian Market goes ahead; (ii) To defer the application from the Tweed Music Centre to the Finance and Resources Committee; (iii) To make £500 available to Berwick-upon-Tweed Film and Media Arts Festival Ltd; and (iv) To make £2,500 available to the Rotary Club of Berwick-upon-Tweed to meet the cost of marquees and PA system for the Jubilee party on 4 June.

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13. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No invitations had been received.

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14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 22 May 2012 at 6.30 pm in the Ante Room of the Town Hall