

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 14th June 2010 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: H Bettison
A Bowlas
I Dixon
P Herdman
M McNeely (In the Chair for Item 2 onwards)
A Reid
J Smith
J Waterhouse (In the Chair for Item 1)

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Cozens, Assistant to the Town Clerk
One member of the public

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1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor M McNeely be appointed Chairman of the Events Committee for the year 2010/2011.

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

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor A Reid be appointed Vice Chairman of the Events Committee for the year 2010/2011.

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4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 8th March 2010 were agreed and signed as a correct record on provision of the following changes:

- Councillor M McNeely declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Annual Bonfire / Fireworks Event and not Spittal Improvement Trust.
- Stephen Cozens to check with Sue Finch to see if a letter has been sent to Lord Joicey, Ref: Christmas Lights 2009 (E43/09)
- The issue was raised of placing events on the Town Council website. Stephen Cozens reported this was his responsibility although pressures on staff time had caused delay.

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5. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by the public present.

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6. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor M McNeely declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 (applications for financial assistance, Berwick Events Group and Tweedmouth Salmon Queen Crowning Committee); Councillor P Herdman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 (applications for financial assistance, Friends of Berwick and District Museum and Archives (FBDMA)); Councillor J Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 (applications for financial assistance, Friends of Berwick and District Museum and Archives (FBDMA) and Tweedmouth Salmon Queen Crowning Committee); Councillor A Bowlas declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 (applications for financial assistance, Friends of Berwick and District Museum and Archives (FBDMA)); Councillor A Reid declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 10 (applications for financial assistance, Tweedmouth Salmon Queen Crowning Committee).

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7. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2010

Councillor J Waterhouse updated the meeting on this item and explained that Miles Gregory had withdrawn as the Chair of the Festive Lighting Committee, thus meaning there is effectively no committee. After discussion the committee agreed the following:

RESOLVED: To approach and ask David Cook to lead on this project and to convene a meeting in the foreseeable future.

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8. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Members considered the applications for assistance which had been submitted.

RESOLVED: (i) To make £250 available to Tweedmouth Salmon Queen

Crowning Committee; (ii) To make £750 available to Berwick Events Group; (iii) To make £750 available to Berwick-upon-Tweed Film & Media Arts Festival; and (iv) To make £500 available to Friends of Berwick and District Museum and Archives (FBDMA)

Notes: (i) Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application for Tweedmouth Salmon Queen Crowning Committee, Councillors M McNeely, A Reid and J Smith left the room during discussion on this item. Councillor J Waterhouse was in the Chair for this item. (ii) Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application for Berwick Events Group, Councillor M McNeely left the room during discussion of this item. Councillor A Reid was in the Chair for this item. (iv) Having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application for Friends of Berwick and District Museum and Archives (FBDMA), Councillors A Bowlas, P Herdman and J Smith left the room during discussion of this item.

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9. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No invitations had been received.

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10. EVENTS IN 2010

There was nothing to report.

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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