

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 16 January 2012
at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Waterhouse (Chair) J Smith
A Bowlas
I Dixon
P Herdman MBE
J Robertson

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

One member of the public

E054/11 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors H Bettison (holiday) and A Reid (personal).

Absent: Councillor J Beresford.

E055/11 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 07 November 2011 and 28 November 2011 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

E056/11 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public.

E057/11 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

E058/11 5. BERWICK EVENTS GROUP

Following the resignation of Councillor McNeely it was agreed that Councillor Waterhouse would attend future Berwick Events Group meetings.

E059/11 6. EVENTS IN 2012/2013

- **Queen's Diamond Jubilee**

The Rotary Club would be approached regarding the organisation of the lighting the Beacon. Preliminary plans are being drawn up for the possibility of creating a Jubilee Garden in Flagstaff Park.

- **Olympic Torch Relay**

The Clerk reported that the Olympic Torch will be passing through Berwick on 14 June 2012. Northumberland County Council is co-ordinating Health & Safety and road closures. They would provide some route dressing and are happy for the Town Council to supplement this. The meeting agreed that under delegated powers a sub-committee would be created with the purpose of planning for this event.

- **Can Am Pipes and Drums**

The meeting planned for the 8 August 2011 to discuss this event was cancelled due to a poor response. The Clerk reiterated the importance of a meeting to discuss the event. A new meeting date would be arranged urgently.

- **Air Show**

Councillor Smith reported that following a meeting in December the decision was made not to hold the Air Show in 2012 due to problems with infrastructure. Instead it was agreed to target 2013 for an event to be held.

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7. EVENTS LEAFLET

The Clerk reported that the leaflet distribution date was 27 March 2012 therefore this is the target for production of the leaflet. The meeting agreed that the same size of leaflet should be produced in 2012.

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8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk reported that the 4 fittings in Golden Square were being returned to the supplier for repair or replacement but would be in place for 2012. Maintenance work would be carried out on supply and fittings in Marygate; it was planned that the more new lights would be provided in Castlegate, and would possibly extend to the railway bridge. Several of the type of lights installed in West Street remains and the suggestion has been made to place them between the Town Hall and lower Marygate. Bridge Street was noted as very impressive while it was agreed that Hide Hill was something of a missing link and similar fittings of trees with lights could be provided. The Clerk replied that £10,000 had been made available

for additional festive lights in 2012.

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9. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED: To make £225 available to Berwick-upon-Tweed Fair Trade Steering Group.

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10. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No invitations had been received.

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11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 05 March 2012 at 6 pm in the Ante Room of the Town Hall.