

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 2 June 2014 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Town Clerk

S Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

1 member of the public

E001/14 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor I Dixon be appointed Chairman of the Events Committee for the year 2014-15.

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

E002/14 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been accepted from: Councillors J Beresford (holiday) and J Stephenson (unwell).

E003/14 3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Beresford be appointed Vice Chairman of the Events Committee for the year 2014-15.

Standing Orders were suspended.

Members agreed that future meetings of the Events Committee would be cancelled if there were no applications for financial assistance or no business that required decisions to be made. This would take place in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Events Committee.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2014 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 interest in Item 8 (Berwick 900) and a personal and disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 11 (applications for financial assistance, Palace Green Music Festival (Berwick 5th Scouts));

Councillor J Lang declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Berwick 900) and Item 11 (applications for financial assistance, Berwick Book Festival – Berwick Literary Festival Steering Group);

Councillor J Robertson declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Berwick 900).

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7. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

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8. BERWICK 900

Members noted the previously distributed Berwick 900 progress report.

Councillor P Elliott was exploring the possibility of the former Captain of HMS Berwick attending a reunion in 2015 along with the idea of a navy vessel being moored in Berwick harbour.

Councillor I Dixon had been contacted by a member of the public to say several people had expressed disappointment with the low turnout of stalls for the Walking of the May Fair on Friday, 30 May 2014. The meeting noted the change of date to Friday, 22 May for 2015 (agreed at the meeting of full Council on

Monday, 25 November 2013) and agreed to form a working group of the Events Committee with an objective to improve the May Fair. The working group would include all members of the Events Committee and other relevant people, for example members of the Berwick 900 project group, would be invited to join the group.

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9. BERWICK EVENTS GROUP

The Berwick Events Group due to circumstances beyond anyone's control have had to postpone any events until next year.

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10. EVENTS ROUND-UP 2014-15

Spittal Gala would take place on the 14 and 15 June.

The Can-Am Pipes and Drums would visit Berwick on Thursday, 24 July 2014 as part of their tour.

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11. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Councillor H Bettison, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the room during discussion of the application by Palace Green Music Festival (Berwick 5th Scouts).

RESOLVED: (i) To make £175 available to Berwick 1914 Exhibition as part of National Armed Forces Day; (ii) To make £125 available to Palace Green Music Festival (Berwick 5th Scouts) with a further grant of up to £125 being made available should the event be affected by the weather and make a loss. Members also agreed that this should be the last year of funding for this project as the organisers previously indicated that they would be self-sufficient after 3 years; (iii) To make up to £2,500 available to Berwick Book Festival – Berwick Literary Festival Steering Group. The money would be used in the following areas: to cover fees and travel expenses for authors and illustrators presenting talks or leading workshop activities at the festival (up to £1,500), venue hire costs (up to £500) and set up and insurance costs associated with the exhibition (up to £500); and (iv) To defer the application from Tweedmouth Feast Crowning and Carnival Committee until the next meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee and to request feedback on the 2013 event finances, a set of accounts for the last financial year and a budget for the 2014 event be made available.

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12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

No invitations had been received.

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13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Monday, 7 July 2014 at 6 pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall.