

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 7 January 2013
at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed**

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Waterhouse (Chair)
J Beresford
F Grant
I Hunter
A Reid
J Robertson
J Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Finch, Town Clerk
Stephen Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk
9 members of the public

E046/12 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

E047/12 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

E048/12 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

A local resident explained to the committee that in September/October 2013 Berwick would host three multi-day festivals: the Food Festival, the Film & Media Arts Festival and the Frontier Festival (a music festival launched in 2012). These festivals had agreed to work together informally to help raise effectiveness of marketing and promoting of these events. The committee was asked if the Town Council would support these aims with the placing of flags

and banners around the town, advertising signage and website activity. The committee agreed to consider the request to help market and promote these events when more formal proposals were brought to the committee.

E049/12 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interest.

E050/12 5. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation.

E051/12 6. BERWICK EVENTS GROUP

The Berwick Events Group Minutes of Tuesday, 20 November 2012 were noted by the committee.

E052/12 7. EVENTS IN 2012/2013

Ideas would be explored to try and improve the May Fair with relevant bodies being contacted for further discussion. 2014 would be the 50 year anniversary of the closure of the Depot at the KOSB's Berwick Barracks and the possibility of an event to mark this occasion could be explored. A sub-group of the Events Committee was agreed, to include the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, together with relevant parties for each event.

E053/12 8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Clerk advised that the current year saw the conclusion of major investment of the Town Council in Christmas Lights. It was envisaged that fittings on lamp posts and new lights would suffice for some years.

The Chair thanked the Town Council staff, Northumberland County Council staff and Steven Monks for their work to ensure Christmas Lights were in place.

E054/12 9. PROPOSAL FOR VISIT BY CAN-AM PIPES AND DRUMS IN 2014

Members welcomed the proposal for a visit by the Can-Am Pipes and Drums in 2014 with the proposal that this would be the responsibility of the Events Committee sub-group.

E055/12 10. 900 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

The Chair said initial discussions had taken place with relevant parties to look at ideas to celebrate the 900 Years (documented) Anniversary of Berwick. It was agreed that the Town Council should host and support a sub-group convened to arrange the programme of events, with the assistance of Derek

Sharman.

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11. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

None had been received.

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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, 4 March 2013 at 6 pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall.