

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday 23 February 2009 at 6.00 pm at the William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Waterhouse (Chairman)
J Beresford
H Bettison
P Herdman
F Simpson
J Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

S Finch, Clerk

Councillor J Robertson

One member of the public

E025/08 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

E026/08 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

E027/08 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no statements by members of the public.

[NOTE: The Chairman asked, and it was agreed, that consideration of Item 6 be deferred to follow Item 8 in view of the Vice-Chairman's interests in grant applications].

E028/08 4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Bettison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6.

All Town Councillors who were also Borough Councillors declared a personal interest in Item 7.

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5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(i) Riding of the Bounds

The Clerk reported that she had been advised by the Director of Regeneration of Berwick-upon-Tweed Borough Council that the organisation and arrangements for the 2009 Riding of the Bounds were continuing as in previous years until 31 March, at which time responsibility would pass to the unitary authority, with the Sports Development Officer responsible for the organisation from 1 April.

Ch'n initial:

It was noted that approaches were currently being made to businesses in the town, and to the Chamber of Trade, for financial support to mark the 400th anniversary of the event.

Members asked that their thanks to Liz Hope, for all her work in ensuring the success of the Riding of the Bounds, be recorded.

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6. CIVIC EVENTS – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

Members considered the report which had been circulated.

RESOLVED: A working party of Councillors to be convened immediately, comprising members of both the Events and Finance and Resources Committee, in order to prepare recommendations to the Council meeting on 9 March, which should cover:

- (i) The proposed scope of the Town Mayor's role**
- (ii) Those events which are considered an essential part of the Civic function**
- (iii) Membership of the Civic Party**
- (iv) Mayoral Support staff**
- (v) Issues relating to the safe-keeping, maintenance and insurances of**

the civic regalia

(vi) A proposed budget

(vii) Proposals for how those costs can be met.

A provisional date of 2 March at 10.30 am was agreed, subject to the Finance and Resources Committee; Councillors Herdman and Smith would attend on behalf of the Events Committee.

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7. EVENTS IN 2009

Members queried whether any further information was available about twinning arrangements following the dissolution of the Borough Council.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to obtain information from the County Council on future arrangements for twinning, and the issue of twinning to be raised at the next full meeting of the Town Council.

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8. GRANTS

The grants sub-group had considered six applications.

RESOLVED: To recommend to the Finance and Resources Committee that grants be made as follows:

Slow Food Berwick-upon-Tweed

Help to mount a second Food Festival in Berwick promoting local produce.

Amount: £400

Ch'n initial:

Greenses Residents Committee

Help to improve events held on Greenses Gala Day.

Amount: £200

Berwick Art Group

Contribute towards rental of space for annual exhibition, 12 – 18 July in The Maltings

Amount: £100

Spittal Improvement Trust

Contribution towards Spittal Seaside Festival costs.

Amount: £1500

Berwick Male Voice Choir

Contribution towards creating website to advertise choir and events.

Amount: £200

An application from Berwick Town Partnership for assistance with the distribution of folded A3 Berwick-upon-Tweed leaflets was not supported as members considered this expense should be met by Northumberland Tourism or One NorthEast.

[NOTE: Councillor Bettison, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting before consideration of this item and did not return.]

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9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on 6 April 2009 at 6 pm.