

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council Events Committee Meeting held on Monday, 25 June 2012 at 6.00 pm at The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sue Finch, Town Clerk

Steve Cozens, Assistant to the Clerk

3 members of the public

E013/12 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

E014/12 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Chair thanked all those involved in the recent Queen's Diamond Jubilee and Olympic Torch Relay events. This included the Rotary Club of Berwick-upon-Tweed, Mick Tully and the Northumberland County Council NEAT Team and Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council. An estimated 10,000 people watched the Olympic Torch Relay event. The Chair also mentioned local athlete Guy Learmonth who missed out on qualification for the 2012 Olympics in the 200m event.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2012 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

E015/12 3. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

Michael Richardson thanked the Town Council on behalf of The Rotary Club of Berwick-upon-Tweed for their support with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. He then moved on to the Portas Pilot bid which failed in its first attempt for funding and said the evidence suggested the successful bids had been led by the local council; a group of people had now refreshed the bid and were planning to submit an application to the second round. The work would be completed by the Town Team and the funding bid would be for £100,000. It was noted that all members would be contacted to ask whether they agreed to the Town Council being the lead partner, and if a majority agreed this would be a decision taken under delegated powers.

E016/12 **4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures of interest.

E017/12 **5. BERWICK EVENTS GROUP**

There were no updates on Berwick Events Group.

E018/12 **6. EVENTS IN 2012/2013**

(i) Can Am Pipes and Drums

Local pipers who could perhaps join in the event are being sought and contacted while possible locations for afternoon gigs are being explored. The catering is now in place as are other requirements such as the Road Closure Order and the Drill Hall.

(ii) Other

Councillor Bettison passed on the thanks of the Spittal Gala to Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council for the grant money provided to them.

The Clerk informed the meeting that if any Councillor could help with the parade of floats as part of the Tweedmouth Feast they should contact Councillor Douglas.

E019/12 **7. EVENTS LEAFLET**

All events leaflets that had been printed so far had been distributed and in light of this the Committee agreed a further run of 5,000 to be ordered from the printers.

E020/12 **8. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The fixtures and fittings on Marygate were being updated. The lights on West Street would stay up unless circumstances dictated otherwise such as any work taking place on buildings. Lights would be placed between the Town Hall and lower Marygate. Businesses on Hide Hill would be contacted and asked if brackets could be fixed to their buildings. The County Council had been requested to provide power to ten

lamps on Castlegate to enable additional features to be mounted there.

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9. APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED: (i) To defer the application from Berwick Events Group to the September meeting of the Events Committee. Councillor Grant to relay the concerns of the meeting to the Berwick Events Group that the costs associated with organising the event (specifically the cost of entertainment and stalls) were high and possibly these could be lowered with further exploration; and (ii) To make no money available to Berwick and District Trades Council.

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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, 3 September 2012 at 6 pm in the Ante-Room, Town Hall.