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MAJOR EVENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES: of the Committee Meeting held on 22nd February 2021 at 19:00 via the Zoom online meeting application.

PRESENT: Councillors Andrea Chapman, Christine Bowman, Lisa Duff, Patricia Gander, Elizabeth Linton (Chairman) and Steve Toney

ALSO: Simon Cross, Clerk to the Council

ABSENT: Councillor John Gunston

The meeting opened at 19:00. The meeting took place in the immediate aftermath of the government's announcement of a roadmap for the country returning to a post-pandemic normality, and there was a certain degree of optimism present. The Clerk appeared alone in expressing some caution.

The committee meeting scheduled for 21st December had been cancelled as the continuing pandemic meant there would have been nothing to discuss.

The meeting was held in accordance with *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020* and the council's own *Protocol for Remote Meetings*.

181/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

An apology and a reason for absence was received and accepted from Cllr Gunston ([REDACTED]).

182/21 PERSONAL AND/OR PECUNIARY/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No Interests were declared.

183/21 PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

184/21 FUNDAY SUNDAY, 9TH MAY 2021

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Funday Sunday, 9th May 2021

Committee is asked to consider any matters pertaining to this event, currently scheduled for 9th May 2021.

Cllr Gander is leading on this event.

With there being every likelihood the council may not want to continue with an event on this date, Cllr Gander has reported this year's official Age UK Silver Sunday is scheduled for 3rd October.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

12th February 2021

The committee AGREED unanimously to move this event to 3rd October. Agreeing the theme of V.E. Day as originally set for May 2020 was no longer appropriate, the committee agreed to think of a new, upbeat and fun theme for the event. The office would attempt to reschedule Vintage Candy once more. The office would book the Village Hall for the afternoon and also liaise with Girlguiding about providing helpers for the afternoon tea part of the event.

185/21 EAST PRESTON FESTIVAL, JULY 2021

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Festival, July 2021

Committee is asked to consider any matters pertaining to a proposed East Preston Festival to take place over the last weekend in July.

The Festival Committee is tentatively working towards a weekend of events at the end of July, aware social distancing measures may still be in place at that time. One proposed event is a World Market to take place over two days on the Village Green. At the time of writing I am unsure whether this event is to be managed by the Festival Committee or whether it is asking the council to run it. Further discussion will depend upon the answer to that question, which I will hopefully have in time for the meeting.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

12th February 2021

Until it was clear whether the Festival Committee was running the event or whether the council was being expected to run the event, there was nothing further committee could discuss at this time. If timescales meant an extraordinary meeting needed to be held to discuss this further, so be it. The committee felt the council had neither the human nor financial resources to run this event if the Festival Committee was not going to.

186/21 EAST PRESTON FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL, 28TH AUGUST 2021

The following report had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Food & Drink Festival – 28th August 2021

Committee is asked to consider any matters pertaining to this cancelled event.

Following the committee's decision it would like to try and run this event this year, in January, Alison contacted all of those businesses which had been booked to attend in 2020. Most have come back saying they are still trading and would be happy to attend.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

12th February 2021

The committee AGREED unanimously Cllrs Chapman and Gunston should be the leads on this event again.

Via the Clerk, Mrs Roberts, raised the question of whether the committee would expect stallholders to have screens in place on and around their stalls. Goring Farmers' Market had implemented this safety measure but, as the Clerk pointed out, Goring Farmers' Market was not a social event in the way the Food & Drink Festival was. The committee AGREED Mrs Roberts should ask stallholders whether or not they had screens available but noted the government's roadmap

announcement had said all COVID-19 restrictions would have been lifted a good two months before the event. The committee was also aware some in the village would be very happy to come back to the Food & Drink Festival so soon after restrictions had been lifted, whilst others would be more cautious and may wait longer before returning to possibly crowded events.

187/21 OUTDOOR FILM SHOW, LATE SUMMER 2021

The committee NOTED the following paper which had been circulated in advance of the meeting:

Outdoor film show, late summer 2021

Committee is asked, by the Community Engagement Committee, to begin consideration of any matters relating to such an event.

I have heard nothing further from Michael Hayes of Urban Entertainment, despite his promise to get back to me with further information. Below is the information I provided to the committee's last meeting.

Further to the information provided last month, I have today spoken to Michael Hayes of Urban Entertainment. His company could pretty much provide us with the whole event. If the event was free to attend, no cinema licence would be required, but if a fee was charged a licence would be charged at 40% of each ticket.

I have sent him a basic map of the Warren Recreation Ground with a seating area of approximately 5,000m². This would be with the screen set up adjacent to the cricket pavilion with customers coming in from Sea Road, but able to leave via Sea Road and Two Acres.

Michael will get back to me with further information in due course.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

13th February 2021

No further information had been received from any quarter about this, although the people wanting to run the World Village Market were hoping to include a film-screening in their event.

188/21 EAST PRESTON CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – 20TH NOVEMBER 2021

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Christmas Celebrations – 20th November 2021

Committee is asked to consider any matters relating to this event.

Committee first off needs to agree formally it wants to run this event this year.

I have provisionally booked the French Market.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

12th February 2021

The committee AGREED the event should take place and on the 20th November.

The council's officers would proceed to booking the various halls, the library, Father Christmas, the Father Christmas costume, confirm with the French Market and such like.

189/21 EAST PRESTON VOLUNTARY SERVICE PARTY

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

East Preston Voluntary Service

Committee is asked to consider an event to celebrate the volunteers of the East Preston Voluntary Service.

Just a reminder the East Preston Voluntary Service coordinators would like to arrange some sort of party once the pandemic allows at which volunteers can meet up socially with their service users. Initial thinking is this would take the form of an afternoon tea, probably at one of the schools because of the number of people to be included.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

12th February 2021

The committee AGREED, after some discussion, to plan to hold an event on the afternoon of Saturday, 31st July, starting at 4pm and finishing at 6pm. The Clerk confirmed there was £1,500 in the budget for this event. Cllr Gander offered to look into food options and Cllr Linton will investigate drinks options. The committee AGREED the Junior School was the likely best option for this event as it was easier to spill outside there.

The Clerk will contact a local photographer to see if he can attend the event. The Clerk will also book the red carpet from the Festival Committee.

190/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2020

The committee AGREED the Minutes were a true reflection of the meeting held on 26th October, and that Cllr Linton could sign them. The meeting further AGREED Cllr Linton could sign the Minutes when next passing the Council Office.

191/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The following report was circulated in advance of the meeting:

Updates from previous meetings

Minute 763/20 – East Preston Christmas Celebrations – 21st November 2020 – all the competitions listed in the Minute took place successfully. The Window-Dressing contest was won by a business at the southern end of the village for the first time. Five prizes had been awarded by the Festival Committee in the Brighten Up East Preston competition – individual house, neighbouring houses, domestic window display, garden display and scarecrow. Cllr Linton, Mrs Janine Nicholson of the Festival Committee and I met most winners on 11th December. Those we met were all delighted to have been successful.

The photographic competition judges chose a clear winner. She was awarded a bottle of Prosecco and a book on photography – these were delivered by Mrs Nicholson. All judges have been thanked for their time and comments.

Simon Cross – **Clerk to the Council**

15th February 2021

Nothing was added.

192/21 NEXT MEETING (26TH APRIL)

Nothing new.

The Meeting closed at 19.45.

Chairman: Cllr Elizabeth Linton Date: **27th April 2021**

