

**MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 19 AUGUST 2019 AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES  
AT 7.00PM**

**Attendance:**

Cllr P Beadle, Cllr R Coleman (RC), Cllr S Jamieson (SJ), Cllr D Jones (DJ), Cllr R Nunn (RN), Cllr B Zilberts, J Chandler (JC), C Morris (CM), M Perks (MP), V Thornton (VT), M Utting (MU) and A Wade (AW).

A Richardson (AR) of the Veterans Breakfast Club and A Robinson (ARB) of the Royal British Legion were also in attendance.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr B Piper (BP), DH Boulter (DHB), B Duesbury (BD) and J Gardner (JG).

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and Dispensation Requests**

None were received.

**3. Minutes of the previous meetings**

It was noted that the minutes from the Events Committee meeting held on 15 July 2019 will approved by Council on 10 September 2019.

**4. Armed Forces Day 2020**

After a lengthy discussion with the representatives from the Royal British Legion and the Veterans Breakfast Club, members agreed to take a back seat in organising this event and offer support in terms of road closure and publicity but agreed that representatives from the Town Council should be present on the day.

**5. VE Day 2020**

Members **RECOMMENDED** that there should be a budget set for the next financial year so that the Town Council can take the lead in putting on a celebration for the town at this momentous event on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The Royal British Legion and the Veterans Breakfast Club will work with the Town Council on the event but they will not be able to supply any financial support.

ARB informed members of a possible funding source from the government and RN will look further into this.

BZ is to talk to the Town Clerk about getting this item on the next full council agenda for discussion. The finer details of what the event will be will be agreed once a budget has been set.

**6. Christmas Lights Switch On 2019**

- (i) **Budget.** Noted. RN also informed members that Harborough District Council have confirmed that there will be no closure fee for the George Street car park.
- (ii) **Christmas Tree Fencing.** RN to attend the meeting with Palmers Garden Centre along with the Events Officer to look at what is needed.

(iii) **Memorial Shed Lighting.** Members asked the Events Officer to speak to the event electrician to get advice on what sort of lighting is required and also to speak to Plamers Garden Centre to see if they could supply anything.

(iv) **Stage Hire.** Members **RECOMMENDED** that the quotation of £706 for stage hire be accepted.

(v) **Olaf.** Deferred.

(vi) **Security.** Members agreed that as the Police have now agreed to provide support at the event, additional security will not be needed. Members also asked the Events Officer to speak to Sgt Mulley about how many officers will be provided and when.

**7. Date of next meeting**

Members **RECOMMENDED** moving the next meeting to Monday 9 September 2019 as the majority of Councilors would not be able to attend on the 16 September.

**Meeting closed at 8.06pm**

Signed:.....

Date:.....