

THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS WORKING PARTY HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2019 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- S Simpson K Liddell & L Fenwick

Messr:- G Carne

74. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were offered and accepted from Councillor S Simpson, R Moore & S Miles.

75. Notes from the last meeting held on 27th March 2019 were considered and agreed as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

At the Community & Environment Committee held on 8th April Members raised the following items under the minutes:-

(i) Fun Days

Members discussed concerns relating to the two fun days at Woodhouse Park, as it had been agreed only one larger fun day was to be held. Members local to the Acre Rigg ward explained the fun day held on Acre Rigg School field did not go well in 2018 as the field was too big and using the field also meant that fairground rides could not be booked. It was agreed that further discussions be held between the Corporate Support Manager and Acre Rigg Members.

Following discussion it was **AGREED a double Fun Day be held at Woodhouse Park on 9th August 2019.**

(ii) Horticulture Event

Councillor A Watson raised concerns over the Horticulture Show and asked if this should be continued in future years as feels the interest has dwindled. The Horticultural Show Organiser, Councillor T Duffy, confirmed people had to be turned away last year due to judging being in progress when they had turned up. Also, due to the heat, it was too hot for flowers inside The Pavilion and so fewer people entered this category. Councillor K Hawley recommended if there was little interest this year, the future of the Horticulture Show needed to be discussed.

(iii) Awards

Councillor R Moore suggested PTC enter the 'Britain in Bloom' competition in 2020 and that this could be community orientated. The Town Clerk confirmed that he had already discussed Britain in Bloom and Green Flag Status with the Parks Manager, however, other projects were currently taking precedence.

(iv) Christmas Trees

Councillor A Watson asked about the progress of arranging a Christmas Tree in the South Dene and The Town Clerk reported DCC had denied the Town Council's request to use an electricity

supply to accommodate this and suggested PTC contact NEDL to see if they would allow PTC to tap into the substation nearby. Members then discussed this option and considered having a Christmas Tree on each of the two larger roundabouts in the Town Centre, situated near the Post Office and McDonalds. **RESOLVED The Town Clerk was to investigate the electricity supply to both of the roundabouts and report back to Members.**

Councillor S Simpson came into the meeting at 10.25.

76. Peterlee Show

The Corporate Services Manager reported the marquee had been booked for the Horticultural Event.

77. Community Cinema

This was a standard agenda item and would be updated at the next meeting.

78. Events

(a) Elvis, 21st June 2019

It was reported 60 tickets had been sold so far for this event. It was agreed the early bird tickets be on sale until the 7th June 2019.

(b) Armed Forces Day, 29th June 2019

The Corporate Services Manager reported she had been successful with the grant funding application and an amount of £2,000 towards the event had been granted. An offer of clothing and memorabilia had been made for the event and this was to be looked into further.

(c) Pizza & Prosecco, 12th July 2019

To date only 2 tickets had been sold. It was suggested the contract be checked to consider cancellation.

(d) Ladies Day, 8th September 2019

This event had been arranged with a meal and a Robbie Williams tribute act, tickets would be offered for sale soon.

79. New ideas

The Chair asked the working party for ideas for new events, the working party considered the information given on the singer Anna Reay and following discussion it was agreed this not be taken any further as it was felt the ticket price at £35/40 would be too high to attract bookings. A Casino or Poker Night was suggested, as well as themed Friday evenings ie 70's, 80's Motown Northern Soul etc.

The Chari reported a local band had offered to perform at a charity night for free.

80. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was **AGREED the next meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 at 10.00am until 12.00 noon in the Council Chamber at Shotton Hall Banqueting Suites.**