

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL,
PETERLEE ON MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2017 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: COUN S MEIKLE (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Hawley, K Duffy (observers) & M A Cartwright

Messrs:- T Duffy, J Robinson, A Watson & A Wilkinson

The Chairman advised Members of the committee that part of the meeting may be recorded by both audio and video, and it may be that photographs were taken.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been submitted and accepted from Councillors V Watson, A C Long and S Kirkup. **RECOMMENDED the Council approve the reason, (if given), submitted for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**

2. To receive declarations of interest

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. **RECOMMENDED the information given, be noted.**

3. Peterlee Beerfest, Shotton Hall, Saturday 28th October 2017, doors open at 2pm

The Chair gave a presentation to the sub committee with the proposals for this event including details of the sponsorship offered, steins, entertainment, food, ticket price audience etc. Members were asked to consider and approve the ongoing arrangements to stage an "Oktoberfest" style event at Shotton hall on Saturday 28th October 2017. Members gave their feedback on the event and made various suggestions in relation to the food to be offered and the times of entertainment.

The Chair explained his aim was to work with Officers and colleagues to organize events across all sites to fit into the current council events calendar to work towards having a full calendar of events for the year and also increase income and these ideas included a Mad Hatters Tea party, gin/whisky Masterclasses, cross sports days, Sunday band stand and Band Nights at Shotton Hall. It was suggested that a working party/group be established for each events to take them forward this working party to meet on a fortnightly basis for around three months and all Members be invited to be involved, on the understanding they could "dip" in and out of the group depending on the event. **RECOMMENDED an events working party be established to meet fortnightly for 3 months.**

4. Community Cinema

Councillor A Watson informed the sub committee of proposals to run a “pilot” community cinema service from Helford Road Pavilion in the summer of 2017. It was suggested that perhaps a Friday evening and Sunday morning matinee could be held. It was felt that a fixed system would be the preferred options with a cost of around £3,000 and perhaps a pop corn machine could be purchased. The Town Clerk explained there were budget issues and that the best way forward would be to prepare a business model with costs, income etc. **RECOMMENDED costings and a business model be prepared and further information be obtained about possible funding streams, it being agreed this was an excellent idea and one which it was hoped could be supported and taken forward.**

5. Christmas extravaganza, Shotton Hall

Councillor Watson informed the sub committee of proposals to provide lighting and other Christmas festive decorations in Shotton Hall grounds over the Christmas 2017 period. It was felt Shotton Hall could be an amazing venue for a lighting display and perhaps this could be developed in future years with a Santa’s grotto and associated activities. The Town Clerk advised that he had met previously with a partner to talk about a Winter Wonderland in Shotton Hall, however it was not financially viable and meant the grounds and suites could only be used for this event and so was too restrictive. **RECOMMENDED prices for lights for Shotton Hall be obtained and reported back to Council for consideration.**

6. Update on Town Events

Members had been circulated with an update report detailing progress with a number of Town Events including Peterlee Show, Peterlee in Bloom, Fireworks/Bonfire Night and Summer Fun Days. Members were asked to consider further the decision to hold the Show on the Bank Holiday in August in 2018. During discussions it was suggested the current event be split into three weekends with various elements ie fairground, Music, Marquees etc. Councillor Watson asked if he could organise a trance music event in one of the marquees on the Saturday evening of this years Show. It was felt that this could be a new element to the event, however would best be considered as part of the planning for the 2018 event. **RECOMMENDED a Special Meeting of the Events Sub Committee be held to consider the 2018 event.**