

THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EVENTS WORKING PARTY HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT 10.00AM

Present: Cllr K Hawley (Chair)

Councillors: S Simpson, R Moore, K Hawley, A E Laing, M A Cartwright, D Howarth & M Sanderson

Officers: J Hugill, L Hudson & K Tweddle

1. The Notes from the last meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022 were considered and agreed as a true and correct record.

2. Events Calendar 2023

Members discussed events held this year and what events they would hope to hold in 2023 with the possible budget allocation in the 2023/2024 budget.

It was generally agreed smaller events spread around the Town and across the calendar working in partnership with other agencies/organisations where possible to add value to events was the direction the working group would be recommending to the Council.

Following consideration of the feedback received via social media, Members felt there should not be a firework display in 2023. It was reported the Halloween Children's Party at Shotton Hall had been well received with 175 tickets sold.

It was agreed grass roots events and activities to get everyone involved and bring people together were preferred such as the Pumpkin Carving sessions that were held in Woodhouse Park.

3. Other ideas

It was suggested a Halloween House Competition be held in 2023.

During discussions it was suggested a type of pre loved indoor sale facility might be provided at Shotton Hall in the future.

It was suggested an Emergency Services Day be held at Shotton Hall similar to that held several years ago.