



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Sub-Committee of Finance and General Purposes High Street Recovery and Rejuvenation Committee Meeting

held on **Monday 24th January 2022** at 6pm

This meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA.

Present -

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE, Mark Evans (arrived 6.38pm), Dan Kinsey, Daisy Tait (Chairman).

Retailors: None

Clerk: Rachael Wright

01/22 – Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mary Roberts.

02/22 – Declarations of interest

None.

03/22 – Approval of previous minutes

Members approved the minutes of 29th November 2021.

04/22 – Matters arising from the meeting of 29th November 2021

None.

05/22 – Review of the last event

The Chairman reported she felt the team made the best of the weather and was pleased to see so many families taking part in the reindeer trail despite how cold it was. The elves were really well received, as was the Santa Claus. The event married up well with Small Business Saturday, and the retailers had a busy day. Members agreed a checklist was required for the next event; however small the event is.

06/22 – Grant application

Members reminded themselves of the request they made for grant funding. The Clerk agreed to check with South Staffordshire Council if they had to stick rigidly to the 75% / 25% split of funding between high street events and physical assets.

07/22 – Funding spent to date

Members noted that £4093.20 had been spent to date on High Street events, leaving £3406.80 on events and £2500 for physical assets. The Clerk informed Members all invoices had to be given to South Staffordshire Council by 18th March 2022, and reimbursement received by them by 31st March 2022 to qualify for the grant.

08/22 – Confirm date / dates for forthcoming event(s)

Members agreed due to the uncertainty of the weather to hold one more event prior to 31st March 2022, and agreed on Saturday 26th March 2022, on the understand they would need to have receipts from the acts involved submitted to South Staffordshire Council on 18th March 2022.

Councillor Barry Bond suggested a ‘Spring Fling’ theme, with the event being used as a way of launching several other events to take place in 2022 for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee and the Commonwealth Games.

Members agreed to check with TF Productions and Every Little Dream to see if they were available and had any suggestions to tie into a spring theme. They also suggested contacting 1st Sedgley Morris Men, Karen McKee, Sedgley Strummers, Cragg Band, Phil Johnson, and a balloon modeller as acts for the day.

It was agreed that a checklist should be produced nearer to the event, and that more volunteers were required to support the event. Promotion could include social media ‘sneak peek’ posts suggesting residents keep an eye on the page to see what is coming.

09/22 – Physical assets

Members agreed it would be nice to see planters along Maypole Street in between the trees, outside Beau Regards, outside Co-op in Common Road and maybe some railing boxes. They agreed for the Chairman to make enquiries with the retailers about what they would like to see and whether any of them would be willing to help maintain the planters once installed.

They also agreed for the Clerk to enquire with Staffordshire County Council with regards to siting the planters on their land, and a bench on Windmill Bank on the unmaintained land opposite the shops.

The Chairman and Councillor Dan Kinsey agreed to conduct site inspections and report back to the Committee.

10/22 – Future of the Committee

Members agreed that the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee should be organised by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and the Wedding Fayre and any other events such as Flicks in the Sticks should be organised by the Civic Centre Management Committee.

11/22 – Date of the next meeting

Members agreed to meet on Monday 31st January 2022 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 6.51pm.

Signed:

Dated: