

# Knutsford Town Council

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## Minutes of the Events and Town Centre Management Committee meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices

### **E19/001 Present**

Cllrs Houghton, Power, Abel, Beswick, Dalzell, McCulloch and Malloy.

In attendance: A Keppel-Green (*Town Clerk*)

### **E19/002 To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Gardiner (personal business)

### **E19/003 To note declarations of members' interests**

No member declared an interest in any item under discussion.

### **E19/004 To note the committee's terms of reference**

The terms of reference were noted.

### **E19/005 Public Participation**

A resident highlighted the programme of the Bollington Festival which incorporates science and the arts in addition to music, noting that 2019 would be the final year of the Knutsford Literature Festival it was suggested that the committee consider widening the scope of the music festival to incorporate a wider arts programme. The resident also suggested that the committee consider a project to record residents' the memories of World War II as part of any commemorations.

### **E19/006 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes.

### **E19/007 To consider the committee budget and spending to date**

It was noted that the income for the Music Festival was below budget resulting in the event being delivered marginally over budget.

### **E19/008 To review the 2019 Music Festival and consider the membership of the Music Festival working group**

It was noted that the festival was under budget in 2017 and 2018 and that the working group would assess the reasons it exceeded budget this year to learn for 2020.

The following suggestions were made for 2020:

- Music on the Moor be expanded with a bigger stage and more performers and to cover Saturday and Sunday
- An increase in the number of participatory events where visitors can play instruments
- Increase in Town Council branding at council-led events
- A greater number of free events, such as an orchestra picnic on the Moor
- Engaging with the Clonter Opera to host an event in town

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Malloy, Power, Beswick and McCulloch to the working group and further **RESOLVED** to approve the new terms of reference which incorporates a membership outside the council.

**E19/009 To receive a report from the Town Centre Manager**

The report was noted. It was requested that the Town Centre Manager circulate a background to BIDs to the committee. It was noted that the Town Centre Manager would report on options for undertaking benchmarking at a future meeting.

**E19/010 To consider matters related to the Pumpkin Path 2019**

The arrangements for the event were noted.

**E19/011 To consider reinstating a celebrity to turn on the Christmas Lights**

It was **RESOLVED** to explore the possibility of having a celebrity.

**E19/012 To consider whether to mark the 'Deloitte Ride Across Britain' passing through Knutsford**

It was **RESOLVED** that a press release be issued promoting the event and encouraging residents to watch it pass through.

**E19/013 To consider commemorations for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day**

It was **RESOLVED** that officers review the ideas generated for the World War I centenary commemorations and report to the next meeting with proposals, including to consider a project to record the memories of residents who lived during World War II.

It was **RESOLVED** that the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of World War II be commemorated as per the service for D-Day held in June.

**E19/014 To discuss a proposal for a Knutsford Young Artist of the Year competition**

Cllr Houghton outlined the proposal for a competition for school-age Knutsford residents, comprising a junior young artist of the year for primary school pupils and young artist of the year for secondary and sixth form pupils. It was agreed that Cllr Houghton explore the idea further and report to a future committee meeting.

**E19/015 Member questions to the Clerk**

The Town Clerk responded to questions stating that a meeting was being convened with ministers to discuss arrangements for the Crib Service and Remembrance Sunday and that officers were aiming to undertake Chapter 8 training to enable some road closures to be managed in house.

It was noted that the three Knutsford Ward Cheshire East Councillors were now on the Tatton Park Board. It was suggested that the idea of a brass band on the Moor more often

be explored, potentially funded by sponsorship. It was reported that there appeared to be an increase in litter outside certain shops in the town centre.

**E19/016 To consider the actions log**

The log was noted and it was **RESOLVED** not to progress the idea of LED count displays for car parks.

**E19/017 To note the date of the next meeting**

It was noted that whilst meetings remained on Monday's that the start time for the committee would be 7:30pm.

It was noted that the next meeting clashed with the Conservative Party Conference which may affect member availability; the Town Clerk undertook to ascertain if the meeting would be quorate.

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