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Minutes

of the

Events and Town Centre Management Committee meeting held 25th November 2019

In the Lower Council Chamber of the Town Council Offices

E19/033 Present

Cllrs Houghton, Abel, Beswick, Malloy and McCulloch.

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

E19/034 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Power, Gardiner and Dalzell (personal business).

E19/035 To note declarations of members' interests

Cllr Malloy declared a personal interest in E19/038 on the grounds of having met with the event organisers and being loaned a Penny Farthing to participate in the race.

Cllr Abel declared a personal interest in E19/038 on the grounds of being loaned a Penny Farthing to participate in the race.

E19/036 Public Participation

A representative of Friends of the Heath highlighted that the organisation had met with the organisers of the Great Race who had pledged to adhere to the guiding principles for holding events on the Heath.

A second representative of Friends of the Heath added that it was an example of how event organisers could work with Friends of the Heath and that they pledged their support to the event.

E19/037 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September

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

E19/038 To consider matters related to the Knutsford Great Race 2020

The Chairman invited Mike Peacock of the Knutsford Great Race to address the committee. Mr Peacock provided a background to the event and outlined that the day would feature a three-hour endurance race starting on Manchester Road and racing on the four roads around the Heath with a vintage market on the Heath. Mr Peacock reported that there would be road closures from 12pm to 4:30pm and that they were looking to engage with the local schools.

The committee recorded its support for the event.

E19/039 To consider the committee budget and spending to date

The committee budget and spending to date was noted.

E19/040 To receive a report from the Town Centre Manager

The report was noted and it was requested that the Town Centre Manager email all members reminding them to vote for the Market Hall in the NABMA market awards.

E19/041 To consider matters related to the 2020 Town Awards

The arrangements for the 2020 awards were noted and it was **RESOLVED** that the schools' business sustainability award be incorporated within the awards.

E19/042 To consider an update on the Makers Market including whether to have a council stall at the February market and requirements for park and ride, signage and marshalling

The Chairman reported on a meeting with the market organiser and recent press concerning the market. It was noted that stallholder parking in the town centre could be more robustly managed. It was agreed to hold a stall in February, subject to sufficient cover from members and that the opportunity to engage with the council be promoted in advance.

E19/043 To consider an update on the proposed Young Artist of the Year 2020 competition

The Chairman reported that discussions were progressing with options for an accessibility category being considered, potential sponsorship being explored and the idea of a people's choice award. It was noted it would likely be organised during April to July with judging in the Autumn and a prize awarded at the end of the year.

E19/044 To provide feedback on the Pumpkin Path

The following feedback was noted:

- a) There was a gap of activity between Giovanni's and Wallwood, food stalls should be considered for this space in 2020
- b) Some volunteer road marshalling locations weren't necessary, whilst others would have benefited from more. It was noted that some volunteers did not have radios
- c) Signage for the lost children and first aid points should be installed to be viewable as one is looking down the street
- d) Event contractors could keep volunteers better informed e.g. when moving barriers.

E19/045 Member questions to the Clerk

The Town Clerk responded to questions stating that parking on the Little Heath was only suitable in limited circumstances due to potential ground damage, that the Christmas park and ride operates from Booths Hall, that the Environment Committee is looking to identify locations for tree planting as part of a wider environmental improvement project and that the resurfacing of Beeston Drive did not appear to be a priority for Cheshire East Council due to the volume of traffic.

E19/046 To consider the actions log

The log was noted.

E19/047 To note the date of the next meeting

The date was noted.