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Minutes

of the

Events and Town Centre Management Committee meeting held 27th April 2020

Online, via Zoom.

E19/062 Present

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

In attendance: A Keppel-Green (*Town Clerk*) and S Curties (*Town Centre and Marketing Officer*)

E19/063 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Gardiner (personal business)

E19/064 To note declarations of members' interests

Cllr Malloy declared a personal interest in E19/070 on the grounds that the proposed rescheduling date clashed with his civic ball and E19/071 on the grounds of being involved in the work of We Are Knutsford.

Cllr Abel declared a personal interest in E19/071 on the grounds of being involved in the work of We Are Knutsford and in the spirit of transparency declared that his company was undertaking deliveries for town centre businesses.

Cllr Dalzell declared a personal interest in E19/071 on the grounds of being involved in the work of We Are Knutsford.

Cllr McCulloch declared a personal interest in respect of E19/069 on the grounds of being a trustee of The Welcome.

E19/065 Public Participation

No members of the public wished to address the committee.

E19/066 To receive and confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January

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

E19/067 To consider the committee budget and spending to date

The committee budget and spending to date was noted.

E19/068 To receive the Town Centre Management report

The report was noted and the Town Centre and Marketing Officer responded to questions explaining the subject of the Timpson Report and the impact of COVID-19 on Taste Knutsford tours.

E19/069 To consider the impact of COVID-19 on the town centre

The report was noted.

E19/070 To consider the postponement of Knutsford Music Festival

Cllrs Malloy and Abel and the Town Clerk left the meeting due to a loss of internet service. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened; Cllr Malloy and the Town Clerk re-joined the meeting. Cllr Power joined the meeting. Cllr Abel re-joined the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to postpone the event from June.

It was noted that current government guidance was unclear as to when social distancing restrictions would be lifted and that it was uncertain whether public gatherings would be permissible during 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** to defer a decision on rescheduling the event to September or cancellation and that a meeting be convened to consider this towards the end of May.

E19/071 To consider the postponement the VE Day Street Party

It was **RESOLVED** not to hold a VJ day street party on the Moor in place of the cancelled VE day street party but to support We are Knutsford with prizes for their competition.

E19/072 To consider the postponement of Flowers in Wallwood

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the revised format of the event and for the Town Centre and Marketing Officer to coordinate it for the most appropriate time. The Town Centre and Marketing Officer left the meeting.

E19/073 To consider matters related to Christmas Events

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) authority be delegated to officers to organise the events as outlined subject to the caveat that no commitments be made pending a review at the July meeting with respect the likelihood of the events to be able to proceed
- b) the funfair be invited to return for the Christmas Market
- c) the Santa Parade continue in the format as outlined

E19/074 Member questions to the Clerk

The Town Clerk responded to questions stating that the letter to town centre residents affected by the Makers Market road closure would be issued that week and that Chapter 8 training had been delayed pending the commencement of employment of new staff and would be considered once operations returned to normal.

E19/075 To consider the actions log

The log was noted.

E19/076 To note the date of the next meeting

It was noted that a meeting would be called in approximately three weeks to consider the Music Festival.