



Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held at the Rugeley Town Council Offices,

# Rugeley Town Council

Taylor's Lane, Rugeley, at 7.30pm Wednesday 14 November 2018.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Mrs P. Ansell G. Grant  
D. Hancock (Chair) D. Lucas (Vice-Chair)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

H Goodreid – Town Clerk  
Cllr. R. Dipple  
Cllr. Ms. N. Mahon  
Mr K. Ansell  
Mr D Podmore – Showmans Guild  
Mrs K Waterworth

Min No	Item	Action
<b>67</b> 67.1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs R Alexander, D Gaye, M Grocott, P Hancock and I Hodgson.	
<b>68</b> 68.1	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None were declared.	
<b>69</b> 69.1	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 10 October 2018 were approved as a true and correct record. <i>Proposed: Cllr D. Lucas; Seconded: Cllr Mrs P. Ansell</i> <b>It was agreed that the minutes of 10 October 2018 be approved.</b>	
69.2	The Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Community Engagement Committee held on 24 October 2018 were approved as a true and correct record. <i>Proposed: Cllr D Lucas; Seconded: Cllr G Grant</i> <b>It was agreed that the minutes of 24 October 2018 be approved.</b>	
<b>70</b> 70.1	<b>Matters Arising From the Minutes</b> All matters had been dealt with or were on the agenda.	
<b>71</b> 71.1	<b>Income and Expenditure</b> There was a discussion around the cost of the cancellation of the	

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71.2	<p>fireworks. The Town Clerk was asked to see if there were ways in which we could recover the deposit or hold another firework display.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Income and Expenditure sheets be accepted.  <i>Proposed: Cllr G. Grant; Seconded: Cllr Mrs P Ansell</i>  <b>It was agreed that the Income and Expenditure sheets be accepted.</b></p>	
<p><b>72</b></p> <p>72.1</p> <p>72.2</p> <p>72.3</p> <p>72.4</p> <p>72.5</p> <p>72.6</p>	<p><b>Fireworks 2018</b></p> <p>Cllr Hancock informed the committee about the background to the decisions taken re cancellation of the 2018 fireworks event. It was agreed that if we had received information earlier then actions may have been taken to comply with the safety requirements for the event. It was felt that given the circumstances, it was the right decision at that time.</p> <p>Discussion was then raised about how we engage the community to help at events in future. For all of our events e.g. Charter Fair and Fireworks, volunteers are needed to marshal and support the events and these were not forthcoming.</p> <p>Mrs Kate Waterworth was in attendance at the meeting and was keen to support and help with developing links between the council and the community. It was proposed that Kate Waterworth be invited to sit on the Community Engagement Committee as a co-opted committee member with immediate effect.  <i>Proposed: Cllr P Ansell; Seconded: Cllr D Hancock</i>  <b>It was agreed that Mrs Kate Waterworth be invited to sit as a co-opted committee member on Community Engagement Committee.</b></p> <p>Discussion then took place around future locations and timings of the fireworks. The following possibilities were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugeley Cricket Club in November</li> <li>• Hagley Fields in November</li> <li>• Hagley Fields in September</li> <li>• Hagley Fields in September linked to a fair</li> </ul> <p>Dave Podmore mentioned that the fun fair would be willing to support an event in the September but would not be able to support in November.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Town Clerk look at the above possibilities and seek clarification from Environment Agency and the County Council re the future use of Hagley Fields for key events such as fireworks display.</p>	<p>Town Clerk to look at all possible future locations and timings for firework events.</p>

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<p><b>73</b> 73.1</p>	<p><b>Christmas Switch On</b> This event would be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Rugeley town centre. There would be a Christmas Market from 1pm, the Light Switch on at 4.55pm and then the fireworks at 6pm. It was agreed that an email be sent to all councillors asking for their help and support at the event.</p>	<p>Town Clerk to email all councillors.</p>
<p><b>74</b> 74.1</p>	<p><b>Fireworks 2019</b> This had been dealt with under item 72.</p>	
<p><b>75.</b> 75.1</p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee will be Wednesday 12 December 2018 at 7.30pm.</p>	

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