



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

Rugeley Town Council

Taylor's Lane, Rugeley, at 7.30pm Wednesday 10 July 2019.

PRESENT:

Councillors: A Cooney G Grant
 C Green I Hodgson (vice chair)
 D Lucas (chair) O Lyons
 N Mahon

ALSO PRESENT:

H Goodreid – Town Clerk
 Cllr A Szklarczyk
 Cllr D Gaye

Min No	Item	Action
22 22.1	Apologies Apologies were received from Cllrs Ansell and Martin. Mr David Podmore and Ms Kate Waterworth sent their apologies.	
23 23.1	Declarations of Interest None were declared.	
24 24.1	Minutes The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 12 th June 2019 were approved as a true and correct record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Mahon; Seconded: Cllr Grant</i> It was agreed that the minutes of 12th June 2019 be approved.	
25 25.1	Matters Arising From the Minutes Cllr Grant suggested using the Theatre as an alternative location for Charter Fair in future instances of bad weather. It was felt that the facility was too small to accommodate the stalls however.	
26 26.1	Charter Fair 2020 The Town Clerk advised that the four acts from 2019 had been confirmed for 2020. Cllrs felt that the parade could be added to with acts like stilt walkers or similar rather than adding events to the arena. It was suggested that we book the Chase Play Bus for 2020 – Town Clerk to book.	Town Clerk to book the Chase play Bus

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<p>27 27.1</p>	<p>Fireworks The Town Clerk reported that she was still trying to get agreement with Staffs County Council regarding the use of Hagley Fields for the Firework Event on Tuesday 5th November. Councillors will be kept updated.</p>	
<p>28 28.1 28.2</p>	<p>Christmas lights Cllr Lucas and the Town Clerk had met with the contractors to talk through finalising designs and costs of the Christmas lighting. Councillors were concerned that a number of the anchor points / bolts would need replacing and this should be spaced over the 3 year contact with the worst being replaced soonest.</p> <p>Cllrs considered the designs for the new lampposts and it was proposed that 15 units of design 123581.B2.02 and 8 units of 123559.B2.02 be used in the scheme. <i>Proposed: Cllr A Cooney; Seconded: Cllr C Green</i> It was agreed that the above units be rented as part of the overall scheme.</p>	
<p>29 29.1</p>	<p>Grit Bins This item was to be put to the September meeting so that Cllr Martin could speak on the matter.</p>	<p>For the September agenda.</p>
<p>30 30.1</p>	<p>Future key events The following possible future projects were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding to the exiting St Georges Day arrangements, making it more of a festival with the Town Crier and other historic events being put on – 23rd April 2020. • Remembrance Sunday – making more of this event with a poppy waterfall? Invite local armed forces / veterans an event? • Best Dressed Window competition? • Staffordshire V E Day celebrations in 2020 – linking in to this. • Unveiling of the Boer War Plaque in the Rose Theatre – make this a larger event. <p>Cllr Cooney left the meeting at this point.</p>	
<p>31 31.1</p>	<p>Hagley Fields This matter had already been discussed under item 27.</p>	
<p>32 32.1</p>	<p>How to Engage with the Community The following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring back the quarterly forum? This had historically been a good opportunity for the public to raised matters with the police, district council, county council, fire service etc. • Bring Power 4 All, Friends of Elmore Park and Hagley Fields groups under one umbrella • Encourage the Youth Council to have a voice and lobby on certain issues 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put a poll on Facebook to get views	
33 33.1	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee will be Wednesday 11 th September at 7.30pm.	

The meeting finished at 8.50pm

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