



Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held online via Zoom
at 7.30pm Wednesday 9th September 2020.

PRESENT: Councillors: P Ansell A Cooney
G Grant C Green (Vice Chair)
I Gunner I Hodgson (Chair)
N Mahon A Szklarczyk

ALSO PRESENT: H Goodreid – Town Clerk

| Min No | Item | Action |
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| 9 9.1 | Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Lyons. | |
| 10 10.1 | Declarations of Interest Declarations of interest were made by Cllr Hodgson, Green and Cooney in item 15 as they were traders in the town and / or members of the Rugeley Lottery Committee. | |
| 11 11.1 | Minutes The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 8 th July 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Ansell</i> It was agreed that the minutes of 8th July 2020 be approved. | |
| 12 12.1 | Matters Arising from the Minutes All matters arising were either complete or on the agenda for the meeting. | |
| 13 13.1 | Totally Locally and ShopAppy Work had been done to identify all traders across Rugeley – in the main town and in the satellite shopping centres. Cllr Mahon and the Clerk were to meet to discuss the way forward. | |
| 13.2 | Cllr Mahon continues to work with Totally Locally initiative as they are launching another FiverFest initiative. | |
| 13.3 | Cllr Mahon and the Clerk had submitted a bid in August to CCDC to use a part of the European Funding allocation of £89k which had been given to CCDC to promote and protect the town centres of Hednesford, Cannock and Rugeley. Unfortunately, no response had been received from CCDC about this as yet which was very disappointing. | |

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| 13.4 | Cllrs considered the possible spray painting of stencils onto the walkways to reinforce the 2m distance guidance but also to promote the shops in the town. Town Clerk was asked to liaise with CCDC about this and with Cllr Gunner re creation of stencils for the work. | |
| 13.5 | The matter of possibly repainting the graffiti art on the walls of the Market Hall was discussed. Town Clerk to look into this with Cllr Gunner. | |
| 14 | Update on Development Officer Post | |
| 14.1 | Following the decision of Full Council to create a post for Rugeley Development Manager, the steering group met and adverts have been placed on the website, on Facebook and on Indeed.com It is hoped that shortlisting will take place week beginning 28 th September with a possible interview on 30 th September. | |
| 15 | Christmas Fair | |
| 15.1 | Cllr Cooney spoke on behalf of the Rugeley Lottery about their reservations re holding the Christmas Market that accompanies the Christmas Light Switch On. Discussions had taken place about alternative set ups given Government restrictions and it was suggested that: | |
| 15.2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Christmas Lights are switched on 'remotely' on Friday 20th November. Town Clerk to investigate live streaming the event, having cameras around the town to capture the moment the lights go on. | |
| 15.3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Christmas market but instead there would be a magical walkway created through activity stations before seeing Santa. | |
| 15.4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walkway was to be created at the Rose Theatre | |
| 15.5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tickets would be allocated to family bubbles who would be allocated a 15 minute time slot to walkthrough and then for the child/children to see Santa. | |
| 15.6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions would be placed on the number of family bubbles coming through so only 3 groups per hour. | |
| 15.7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at holding this over several days – possibly from 7th – 12th December from approx. 3pm – 7pm. | |
| 15.8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible children's Lantern singing event through Churches Together one evening in Elmore Park – need to consider re guidelines. | |
| 15.9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still keen to see a Christmas Tree in the town centre and remembrance tree | |
| 15.10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't want to see a watered down version of previous years – more a case of coming up with something new and exciting. | To be placed on the agenda for next meeting |
| 15.11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who would be chosen for the light switch on? | |
| 16 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| 16.1 | The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 14 th October 2020 at 7.30pm. | |

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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