Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Community & Town Promotion Committee Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs L Wood (Chair), Exton, Smith, Whatton, Wood, Power & Grant

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

C&TP/23/74 To receive declarations of interest

None received

C&TP/23/75 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Doody & Ritchie

C&TP/23/76 Public Question time in respect of items included in this agenda

None received

C&TP/23/77 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th June 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record. It was noted that the meeting with Scott Media & The Great West Way is yet to be organised.

C&TP/23/78 To receive Income & Expenditure report

The report was noted.

C&TP/23/79 To note Tourist Information report

The report was noted. Several requests were made for future reports;

- The title is amended of the graph
- Museum visitor numbers are integrated
- A chart is created showing the percentage of transactions (Cinema Tickets, Gallery Sales, TIC sales) and to include monetary values

C&TP/23/80 To note update from Town Clerk on production & distribution of Welcome Packs

The proposed content was agreed and also that they should go to all accommodation providers around Malmesbury as well as in Malmesbury.

C&TP/23/81 To consider additional coverage for MTC photographer during Malmesbury in Bloom Judging (£50)

It was agreed to approve the additional booking for the Photographer.

C&TP/23/82 To consider replacement of CommuniTea with Theatre Production

Cllr power had circulated a report detailing the request, it was resolved to accept the proposal and that the nominal code would be changed to Community Afternoon Event.

C&TP/23/83 To consider participation in the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings

It was agreed in principle to participate in the event. It was suggested that a mobile fish & chip van could be hired. It was noted to include the event during budget setting around October time and that a working group would be set up after Remembrance.

C&TP/23/84 To receive an update on working groups and events;

i. Athelstan 1100

Events are planned from June – October 2024. A Civic Event is also being planned.

ii. MTC & MTT working together

Cllr Ritchie not in attendance.

iii. High Street recovery

A meeting is upcoming and it was agreed that the item should be removed from the C&TP agenda.

iv. WOMAD

Organisation progressing well.

v. Community Signage

Cllr Ritchie not in attendance.

vi. PR & Comms

Scott Media had forwarded a power point presentation.

vii. Website

Closing date for tender proposals is the 14th July.

viii. Late Night Shopping

Cllr Power will contact celebrities to find out if they are able to attend.

ix. TIC Review

Cllr Ritchie not in attendance

x. Gallery Review

A meeting had taken place with the Town Hall Signage W/Group and proposals to TH&F agreed.

xi. St Aldhelm's

No update available

xii. High Street Gallery

The event is progressing well and artists and businesses are expressing an interest.

xiii. Devereaux Event

The Regiment has permission to camp at the School. Portaloos will be required there. A request will go to September P&R meeting to allow time for the event to be included in the budget for next year.

xiv. Malmesbury in Bloom

It was noted that the deadline for entry is coming up.

C&TP/23/85 To receive an update on quotes for Christmas Light provision

The Town Clerk stated that one company had come back with a quote but that the other was yet to visit. Members requested that a quote to illuminate the trees in the Cross Hayes car park is also sought.

C&TP/23/86 To receive an update on the letters sent to Visit Wiltshire & Visit England

The response was noted and it was agreed that Cllr Grant will draft a letter and send to all other Council's that will be affected by Wiltshire Council's decision.

C&TP/23/87 To consider Committee name change to Community Engagement & Town Promotion and discuss committee priorities and events calendar.

It was agreed to request name change at next P&R meeting as this more accurately reflects the activity of the Committee. Cllrs Wood & Smith will look further into Committee priorities and will present to next meeting.