Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Community & Town Promotion Committee Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Thursday 11th April 2024 at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Crawford-Price, Smith, James, Power, Ritchie, Grant & Doody

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk) & Karen Drake (Caerbladon)

CE&TP/24/36 To receive declarations of interest.

None received.

CE&TP/24/37 To receive apologies.

Apologies received from Cllrs Ritchie, Smith, Grant & Wallis

CE&TP/24/38 Public Question time in respect of items included in this agenda.

None received

CE&TP/24/39 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 14th March 2024.

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Wallis and Karen Drake will distribute Festival Guide to local shops.

CE&TP/24/40 To receive income and expenditure report.

The report was noted.

CE&TP/24/41 To receive report from Information Centre.

The report was noted. It was requested that only TIC stock is to be reported on the till transactions.

CE&TP/24/42 To note progression and determine next steps with EAT Festival proposals

Meeting of the Working Group had taken place recently. It was agreed that local producers would be contacted in the first instance and given priority. It is proposed that it takes place on the 19th October from 10am-4pm. It was resolved that preparations will be ongoing to work with EAT Festivals for the event this year.

CE&TP/24/43 To consider action required for St Aldhelm's Fayre (budget agreed at £650) for the coming year)

It was agreed that the Trail Boards would go up again this year and that the Groundsmen would action this. Promotion will continue on the Town Council social media pages.

CE&TP/24/44 To receive an update on working groups and events;

i. Athelstan 1100

Cllr Ritchie reported that tickets are selling well. Responses are coming in for the Civic Reception and thanks were expressed to Will Taylor for his hard work.

ii. MTT & MTC working together (Cllr Power)

Cllr Power reported that the current initiative is mainly the website. The MoU is being circulated/approved by both organisations.

Cllr Doody arrived

iii. Community Signage

Cllr Ritchie reported that the project is actively underway and a report on the timeline will be available in May.

iv. WOMAD

Cllr Crawford-Price asked that all Councillors are asked if they are able to help at the event.

v. PR & Comms

It was noted that reach figures are very good.

vi. EAT Festival

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

vii. St Aldhelm's Fayre

It was agreed that £200 would be allocated towards the Flower Festival at the Churches.

viii. TIC Review

This had been covered earlier in the meeting.

ix. Devereux Event

Cllr Ritchie reported the final details for the event are coming together. Charles I will be 'visiting' Malmesbury on the 20th April to promote the Devereux weekend.

x. Malmesbury in Bloom

Cllr Doody reported that letters have been sent out to residents to encourage their involvement. Donations are coming in for the floral displays.

xi. High Street Gallery

This would be covered in xiii.

xii. Beacon Event D-Day Anniversary

It was noted that this event is running in tandem with the national beacon event. The next meeting of the working group is 17th May at 6.15pm

xiii. September Art Month

It was agreed that the High Street Gallery will take place during September. The Flying Monk Art Trail is on the 21st and 22nd September. Caerbladon are very involved and will be creating the brochure for the Trail. Cllr Power will work with Caerbladon during this time.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm