

**THATCHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the**  
**Events Committee**  
**held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm**  
**in the Council Chamber, Brownsfield Road, Thatcham**

Present: Councillor Jan Cover (Chairman)  
 Councillors Mike Cole, Jason Collis, Ellen Crumly, Richard Crumly, Rob Denton-Powell and Nathan Gregory

In attendance: Jennie Currie (Community & Civic Manager)  
 1 member of the press (Newbury Weekly News)

**EV/2018/31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
 There were no apologies for absence.

**EV/2018/32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
 There were no declarations of interest.

**EV/2018/33 MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018, having been previously circulated, be taken as read and signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

**EV/2018/34 MATTERS ARISING**  
**a) Clerk's Report**  
 The clerk had no matters to report.  
**b) Other Matters**  
 There were no other matters arising.

**EV/2018/35 THATCHAM FESTIVAL**  
**a) Review of the 2018 event**  
 A report from the clerk was circulated reviewing the Thatcham Festival held from 6<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2018.  
 Members requested that the figures regarding the number of bookings via Eventbrite be presented to this Committee.  
**RESOLVED** to note the report.

**b) Review of future Thatcham Festivals**  
 A report from the Town Clerk was circulated reviewing the future delivery of Thatcham Festival.  
**RESOLVED** that with effect from Thatcham Festival 2019:

- i. That Council reviews the Aims of Thatcham Festival – Officers to draft new aims to be considered at the next meeting of this Committee.
- ii. That Thatcham Festival be restricted to 9 days (Saturday to Sunday inclusive).
- iii. That the reliance on Officers for delivery of Festival events be reduced and events be assessed accordingly at the time of acceptance of participants.
- iv. That attracting a greater demographic be a priority.
- v. That a proportion of Thatcham Festival resources (Officer time and funding) be reassigned to Thatcham Family Fun Day for the 2019/20 budget and beyond.

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**EV/2018/36 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADE**

A report from the clerk was circulated reviewing the Remembrance Sunday Parade held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Members discussed the need to have a better PA system for the event.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and that the clerk investigates hiring a PA system for the 2019 event.

**EV/2018/37 THATCHAM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**

A report from the clerk was circulated reviewing the Christmas Lights Switch On event held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018. The public feedback would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

The event was discussed and a proposal was put forward then seconded to move the event to June or July.

**RESOLVED** not to move the date of the Christmas Lights Switch On.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and that the clerk investigates installing a new chamber to hold the Christmas tree.

*Councillor Cole left the meeting at 7.48pm.*

**EV/2018/38 WW1 WORKING PARTY MINUTES**

**a)** Committee received the Minutes of the WW1 Working Party meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**RESOLVED** to adopt the Minutes.

**b)** A report from the clerk was circulated updating the Committee on the Victoria Cross Stones Interpretation Panel. The proposed unveiling date had to be postponed as the panel had not yet been received.

**RESOLVED** to note the report and to hold the unveiling before the end of the municipal year.

**c)** A report from the clerk was circulated requesting the Committee support the funding and organisation of the Untold Stories of the Great War project for 2019/20.

**RESOLVED** that the report be resubmitted to this Committee in the next municipal year.

**EV/2018/39 BUDGET/EXPENDITURE COSTS**

Committee received details of income and expenditure costs against this Committee's budget for the year to date.

**RESOLVED** to note the information.

**EV/2018/40 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019**

The clerk presented provisional dates for events in January to December 2019.

**RESOLVED** to confirm the calendar of events for 2019 as presented.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_