

Minutes of the Meeting of the Events, Tourism and Development Sub-Committee of Westgate-On Sea Town Council

Held on Wednesday 2nd November 2022

at Town Council Office, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea CT8 8RF

Present	Cllr Calcutt (Chair), Cllr Cornford; Cllr O'Connor and Cllr Donaldson						
Also, in attendance	Chloe Wheatley - Finance Assistant, Cllr King and Vivienne Rose from Westgate Galleria						
3491	To receive apologies for absence None						
3492	Declaration of interests None						
3493	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Events, Tourism and Development Sub-Committee held on Wednesday 5 th October 2022 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.						
3494	Chairs Update Blue Plaque Walking Tours Cllr Calcutt has contacted the Heritage Centre and is hoping to arrange a meeting in the next few weeks. PA System At the Full Council meeting held on 4th October 2022 it was agreed to offer £600 for the PA System. This offer was accepted by the vendor and arrangements have been made for the Town Council to take full ownership from Sunday 13th November 2022.						

	B24 Memorial The Clerk has had confirmation from Thanet District Council Planning Department the Memorial can be reinstalled without the need for Advertising Consent or Planning Permission. The Memorial is due to be installed tomorrow (03.11.22). The Town Council will be arranging an opening ceremony separately from the Remembrance Parade. Thank you to Blaze Signs for manufacturing the memorial free of charge and to Mr Clements and Mr Adams for also agreeing to reinstall the memorial at no charge.	
3495	Remembrance Sunday 13 th November 2022 Road Closure Notices have now been received. These will be handed out on Saturday 5 th November 2022 to residents who will be affected by the Road Closure. Volunteers, Officers and Councillors are due to meet at the Town Council Office on Saturday 5 th November at 10.00am to put out the poppy decoration across Westgate. ACTION: Finance Assistant to email out the timings and details of the Remembrance Parade.	
3496	Coronation of King Charles III Members discussed the decision of combining the already planned Community Picnic with the Coronation of King Charles III. It was AGREED to keep the two events separate. It was felt there would be better attendance and hopefully better weather if the Community Picnic was held on Saturday 24 th June 2022 as originally planned. Members then debated how to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Ideas included competitions and decorating the Town (hanging baskets, bunting etc) ACTION: Finance Assistant to put on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss further.	

Pancake Races 2023

The cost of the February 2022 Pancake Races was £388.43. NE Signs Limited who provided the road closure/traffic management has now ceased trading. This means we no longer receive the service at the greatly discounted cost of £50.00. The new Traffic Management Company have quoted £630.00 for a similar event to be held in November.

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Taking this into account the cost for the February 2023
Pancake Races will now be approximately £1000.00. It
was suggested at the Finance and General Purposes
meeting that the Pancake Races be moved to the
Recreation Ground to help save costs.

Members debated the pros and cons of holding the Races in the High Street and at the Recreation Ground. It was AGREED to move the Pancake Races to the Recreation Ground for 2023 due to the large financial savings.

Open Art Market in Westgate

Cllr King spoke to members about the possibility of holding a regular Open Art Market in Westgate.

Members were in favour of the idea and various locations were discussed. Vivienne Rose from Galleria highlighted that St Savours Church holds an Art Exhibition annually for new emerging artists.

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ACTION: Finance Assistant to contact St Saviours Church to request further information.

Vivienne also raised that a regular market, not just an Art Market, would be of a real benefit to Westgate Town business/shop owners. This had been discussed at the request of Cllr Bertie Braidwood at the Events Sub-Committee held on 7th September 2022. Feedback from members was positive and this was fed back to Cllr Braidwood.

ACTION: Finance Assistant to email Cllr Braidwood for an update.

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3499	Town Council Magazine Item was deferred to the next meeting.	
3500	Public Participation Session No requests received.	
3501	Next Meeting Monday 5 th December 2022 at 4.00pm	

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