



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

Held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 4.00pm

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

Present	Cllr C. Calcutt (Chair), Cllr Donaldson (Vice Chair) and Cllr O'Connor	
Also, in attendance	Gill Gray – Town Clerk	
3679	To receive apologies for absence Cllr Cornford	
3680	Declaration of interests None	
3681	Minutes It was proposed by Cllr Donaldson and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Events, Tourism and Development Sub-Committee held on Monday 6 th February 2023 be signed and approved as a true record of the meeting.	
3682	Chairs Update Cllr Calcutt reported that the Pancake Races event was an enormous success and the new venue was appreciated by the local schools and nurseries. The availability of the toilets and refreshments on site was acknowledged as a positive addition to the event. Cllr Calcutt added that there was now a positive response from the Westgate Heritage Centre in relation to the Blue Plaques proposal with potential recommendations for sites. ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was agreed that Dr Field should be contacted to confirm details of proposed locations and there is a potential for a walking tour to be created. The Finance Assistant was thanked for all the work	

	undertaken for this idea.	
3683	<p>Pancake Races 2023</p> <p>The event was very successful and well attended. Approximately 70 children and residents took part. £12.50 was raised in donations to go towards the St Crispins School Foodbank. Feedback included – Well done to everyone that took part. Great job and lovely community spirit. Westgate is very fortunate to have an excellent Town Council.</p> <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To put the event on the Agenda for October 2023 for the new Council to debate and decide on the location for the Pancake Races 2024. 	
3684	<p>B24 Memorial</p> <p>The Finance Assistant attended the Heritage Centre meeting on 20th February. The Heritage Centre have agreed to manage the B24 Memorial official opening and it is agreed that it will be more of a blessing; the Finance Assistant is supporting by drafting a list of attendees.</p> <p>ACTIONS: Finance Assistant to liaise with Rev Wing about the service.</p>	
3685	<p>Skate Jam</p> <p>The Skate Jam event was provisionally booked for 07.04.2023 but as the weather is not dependable in April it was suggested that the date for the event is moved to Thursday 1st June which coincides with May half term for children. Members were advised that there was a possibility of hosting a couple of free skateboarding sessions in the April easter holidays that would follow the same format as the sessions hosted last summer. The cost of these could be met from the Lotto funding that the Town Council receives each month.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the Skate Jam event is moved to Thursday 1st June 2023 and follows the same format as last year.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr Calcutt and seconded by Cllr O'Connor and RESOLVED: that the Town Clerk organises with Skorcha School for two sessions in the Easter school holidays, provisional dates are Monday 10th April and Saturday 15th April 2023.</p>	

3686	<p>Coronation of King Charles III</p> <p>The Sub-Committee considered the competition ideas that were prepared by the Finance Assistant and all agreed they were appropriate suggestions for each age group. The subject of judges and prizes were debated and Members agreed that the proposed list of judges should be approached by the Finance Assistant. It was agreed that the winners should all receive a certificate and Coronation coin initially and then a more formal prize giving will take place at the Community Picnic in the summer.</p> <p>It was moved by Cllr O'Connor and seconded by Cllr Donaldson and RESOLVED: that the competition rules and outlines were adopted. The suggestions for the judges were agreed and the Finance Assistant to approach each individual to ask them to participate.</p> <p>ACTIONS: Finance Assistant to research the cost of coins and approach the proposed judges for each competition and report back to the next meeting.</p>	
3687	<p>Town Council Magazine</p> <p>The next issue of the Town Council Magazine has started to be delivered this week, delivery will be completed before purdah period for the May elections. The next issue of the Town Council magazine will be out by the end of May 2023.</p>	
3688	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>No requests received.</p>	
3689	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 5th April 2023</p>	
3690	<p>Meeting closed at 4.24pm</p>	

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Signed ED.
31.05.23.

