

Town Mayor – Cllr Leanne Buckingham

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Minutes of the meeting of **Events Committee** held on Monday 15th January 2024 at Stephenson Way Community Centre, Stephenson Way, Corby, NN17 1DB.

Present: Councillors : Mark Pengelly (MP), Callum Reilly (CR), Alison Dalziel (AD), Ross Armour (RA), William Colquhoun (WC), and Ray Beeby (RB)

Apologies: Cllr L Ferguson.

Also Present: Cllr Martyn Reuby (MR)
Officers : (Community Engagement and Events Officers)
Rachel Faulkner (RF)
Alison McDaid (AM).

241/23 - Apologies for absence

242/23 - To receive Declarations of Interest related to business on the Agenda
None declared.

243/23 - Public Participation
No public present.

244/23 - Minutes of last meeting
Members agreed and **APPROVED** the minutes of the Events meeting held on 16th October 2023; the minutes were signed by Cllr Pengelly.

245/23 – Update on Holocaust Memorial Day – Saturday 27th January 2024
Theme is Fragility of Freedom. Event has been advertised and 9 tickets have been reserved through Eventbrite. The evening will concentrate on 30th Anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda. MR has already approached a member of GMB Union to speak and will pass these details onto the officers. It was agreed to arrange a Teams meeting with Cllr Pengelly, Armour and Dalziel and the Offices to finalise the content and presentation.

246/23 – Remembrance Sunday comments.
Officers RF and FR have had a wash up meeting with RBL. The confusion over a pipe band was mentioned and it was noted that the procession was very long and may be switched up a bit this year.
MP instructed officers to invite the pipe band now to lead this year. It was explained that nobody is usually invited as it's already an open invitation and the parade is managed by the RBL.

247/23 - Spirit of Corby comments
AM ran through the results of the Evaluation form which was open to councillors, nominees, winners and sponsors which were mainly positive. There were 23 responses.
The event came in just under budget by £46.00.

248/23 - Christmas Market comments

There were 16 stalls on the day. 4 stalls either withdrew last minute or didn't show. 10 responded to evaluation form which was mainly positive but there was some constructive criticism from stall holders regarding the ambient sound being rather loud. All agreed the choirs were brilliant and the tree looked really nice. Came in under budget by £700.00.

249/23 – Restaurant week 2024

Last year's event ran from Saturday 25th March – Sunday 2nd April. 10 restaurants participated. 2 restaurants completed the evaluation form. AM summarised last year's event and the difficulty officers had signing up restaurants.

AD suggested holding a Restaurant Fayre in a hall instead. Restaurants could be invited to have a stall where they can showcase their food with tasters, menus etc.

250/23 – Event dates for 2024

Holocaust Memorial Day	Saturday 27 th January 2024
Little Sponsored Walk	Saturday 17 th February 2024
	Saturday 2 nd March 2024
	Saturday 16 th March 2024
	Saturday 23 rd March 2024
Big Sponsored Walk	Saturday 20 th April 2024
Mayors Ball	Friday 3 rd May 2024
D-Day Beacon Lighting	Thursday 6 th June 2024
Pride	Saturday 22 nd June 2024
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday 10 th November 2024
Armistice Day	Monday 11 th November 2024
Spirit of Corby Awards Ceremony	Friday 15 th or 22 nd November 2024
Christmas Market	Friday 29 th November 2024

251/23 - Any other items for the next Agenda/Date of next meeting

Meeting Closed at 7pm next meeting agreed 19th February 2024 at 7pm, location Stephenson Way Community Centre.

Signed:

Date: