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Minutes of the meeting of the Corby Town Council Events Committee held on 20th February 2023 at 6pm, Stephenson’s Community Way Centre, Corby, NN17 1QG.

PRESENT:

Cllr M Pengelly Cllr A Dady
Cllr C Reilly
Cllr R Armour

Also present:

F Ryan - (Town Clerk)

402/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr R Beeby and Cllr S Rielly.

403/22 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATED TO BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

None declared

404/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public present

405/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members agreed and **APPROVED** the minutes of the Events meeting held on 9th January 2023, save that Cllr Dady clarified in relation to minute ref 238/22 that he was not required to attend an external Town Crier event. The minutes were signed by Cllr Pengelly.

406/22 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY DEBRIEF

The following points were made in relation to how it was felt this event went –

1. The event was well received and well attended. The location and format worked well and the attendance of Lodge Park students and the Chordless Choir enhanced the event.
2. There was slightly too long a period for refreshments at the start of the event and the number and length of speeches could have been reduced.
3. A discussion was held regarding the ticketing of the event on Eventbrite, this had been used the year before due to COVID restrictions but in future years this could just be open to the public subject to venue capacity.
4. It was **RESOLVED** to order some thank-you cards containing the Corby crest to send to community groups who attend our events.

5. Cllr Pengelly asked if we could approach the theatre to see if there opportunities for partnership working.

Cllr R Armour left the meeting.

407/22 FILM WEEK 26th-28th FEBRUARY 2023

This project is being led by HD Media. The Events officer has produced a poster for digital use and have arranged for a small number to be printed. The details of the event have been shared with all Councillors and have been advertised in the Library, Corby Radio and social media channels.

408/22 RESTAURANT WEEK 25th March -2nd April 2023.

The Events officer has secured 4 restaurants to participate in the scheme and has chased others for a response to confirm if they would take part, but further work may need to be undertaken to explain the idea behind the initiative.

409/22 KING'S CORONATION – 6th May 2023

The Events Officers attended a meeting with the Friends of Coronation Park on 26th January. They have an event planned for 7th May which is a Royal garden party theme. 12-6pm. The officers are assisting with communications, advertisement and will liaise with the 'Friends of' group with regards to risk assessments.

'The Big Help Out' will take place on Monday 8th May 2023 which is the date set by the Palace to encourage people to volunteer in their communities. It was agreed that the Town Council would not host an event but could promote this nearer the time.

It was agreed to promote the Town Crier to 'announce your event' in relation to the coronation to support community based events.

410/22 PRIDE FESTIVAL 10th June 2023

- All social media up and running
- Toilets booked and deposit is pending to be paid to secure these,
- 2 bands booked, one other to be booked
- Lots of registered interest re stalls, collating.
- 2 local acts applied
- Volunteer training from Qspace confirmed,
- Notice of event submitted, TENs in progress (for an entertainment licence only)
- Litter picking quote from Albion clearance submitted. Cllr Pengelly asked that NNC shared services be contacted to provide an additional quote.
- DJ booked – played at Heaven in 90's and used by NNC for bonfire night. Free.
- 3 working group meetings taken place via Teams. Site meeting on 6th March and follow up meetings with groups that week.
- Stall in library for LGBT History month promoting Pride – 16th March
- Sponsorship confirming next week hopefully by 2 main firms.
- Grant application submitted to NNC for £4700.00 to cover stage costs
- Security quotes being obtained

- A discussion was held regarding the local businesses involved in the event and how this would work alongside any external stallholders. Cllr Pengelly asked if two other local businesses could be contacted to discuss partnership working
- A safe space is a crucial part of the event and as yet there is no location which has been deemed suitable. The Old Village Hall has been approached.
- Parking could be held in the town centre and potentially the train station with consent.
- Children's entertainers to move throughout the crowd offering face painting and bubbles.
- The Core Theatre have confirmed they will hold Pride events in the theatre on the Friday of the Pride weekend.
- Cllr Pengelly suggested contact is made with the 'Kinky Boots' production team who are appearing at the theatre to support the event.

411/22 TOWN TWINNING

Officers have now made contact with a member of the community who has an interest in twinning. An e mail has been received from Velbert confirming that a visit is being arranged for June 13th/14th for school children. One of the events officers is to contact local schools for them to liaise.

412/22 ARMED FORCES DAY 24th June 2023

Events officers are to make contact with RBL Corby to discuss the event.

413/22 CHRISTMAS MARKET AND LIGHTS

Events Officers have made contact with North Northants Council to book the use of the square outside the cube to site a Christmas Tree and to establish dates for a market. Contact will be made to the Old Village Market for research. An idea to enhance the Christmas Tree event was discussed, potential to link in with schools or craft groups to design a decoration or to tie in with Lakelands memory tree.

414/22 ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DATES OF NEXT MEETING

- North Northants Council had been in contact with regards to Operation Spring Clean, it was agreed we could assist with some marketing and Cllr Dalziel may run a litterpick in her ward.
- The Mayor's end of season event was discussed and was suggested a restaurant could be approached for a set menu option with a donation to the Mayors Charities on the evening.

Date of next meeting:

27th March 2023 – 6pm at Stephenson's Way Community Centre

Meeting Closed 19.05pm

Signed *M Pengelly*

Dated 18th March 2023