**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**A MEETING OF THE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON**

**TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017 AT 6.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Keaveney, Pitcher & Stabler.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

M Huntington, I Scott and D Graham

**FES/1/2017 ELECT A CHAIR**

Cllr Stabler proposed Cllr Keaveney, with Cllr Pitcher seconding. Cllr Keaveney was duly elected chair of the committee

Cllr Stabler was duly elected as Vice Chair

**FES/2/2017 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

B Campbell, J Hollick and R Mattinson

**FES/3/2017 APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE HELD ON 9th MAY 2017**

Minutes approved & signed.

**FES/4/2017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**FES/5/2017 SPRING FLING REVIEW**

Over 500 visitors to both exhibitions

Derwent Quilters were happy to display in Market Hall and would like to repeat next year

Chamber of Trade Happy Gardener went very well

Wiza Words Exhibition – Really good but disappointed with schools participation. They will be repeating the competition again next year but will incorporate adults as well. The exhibitions will be themed around WW1

It was decided to try and get schools more involved earlier in the year as exhibition coincides with exams etc.

**FES/6/2017 UPDATE ON WIGTON CARNIVAL**

Festivals will be looking at budget for next year and how they can maybe help the Carnival.

D Graham reported it had been a very good day. New dog show was good, field very busy and no reports from Police

The carnival will take place on the 4th Saturday of June in 2018 and again will be themed around WW1

**FES/7/2017 christmas lights events**

New bolts and wires are up on High Street and King Street. New icicle lights have been ordered.

Blue lights (if working) will be used on trees on Water Street.

Chamber of Trade to ask businesses to light up their shops again this year.

Lights Day Event –

Produce market on High Street, Festivals Group to take charge of Charity Stalls once they know how many produce stalls there will be.

Panto at Theatre will be Camelot this year

Santa’s Grotto – Youth Station

Elf Parade and Sambandits (Ask SH to confirm with school)

Stage – tbc with Jonathan Higgins

Fire Juggler, Caricaturist, Face Painter and Professor Pumpernickel

There will be no animal attraction this year and we have had to cut budget on stage acts.

The group discussed asking ABC to help underpin and develop our three major annual events in the town. Cllr Pitcher tasked with talking to ABC.

Date of next meeting 3rd October 2017

Meeting Closed 7.15pm