

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6PM

PRESENT

Councillors Ferriby, Lynch and Scott. S Keaveney, C Stabler (NADT), Brian Campbell, Steve Collier (RBLI)

FES/25/2021 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Speksnyder, Ellie Jones (Allerdale Borough Council Events)

FES/26/2021 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

FES/27/2021 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

Councillor Ferriby welcomed Steve Collier as representative of the Royal British Legion Institute, representing John Daly who couldn't attend. RBLI wish to assist with events this year to communicate their presence in Wigton.

FES/28/2021 EVENTS DURING 2022

28.1 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

'Save the date' will be communicated via Facebook and Website.

AR reported we have only 1 vendor at present – need more help from Ellie Jones to source local vendors. View expressed by group that we need to formally request support from Ms Jones.

Cllr. Ferriby informed us that a church service for Jubilee will take place but nothing booked so far.

Bunting needs to be purchased. Cllr Lynch wondered if we could also use at Taste of Wigton event.

As for GWR attempt, there has been zero response so far. This leaves us with two options:

1. Forge ahead and plan/organise ourselves, then submit as record post-event,
2. Forget GWR attempt and look at having stage, games, music and DJ with finale as fireworks.

Agreed: If no decision from GWR received by end of February, we will forge ahead with option 2 (party and fireworks).

Fluid Productions has given us two options for the staging, so we should stick with the option that allows for 'Party at the Palace' to be screened.

We need to look for local sponsors to help fund certain elements of the event – generator, stage etc Would there be an opportunity to look at some sort of memento of the day for all children attending? Cllr Lynch remembers we had given out mugs in the past. This might be something a local sponsor could help with?

It was decided we should request a quote for a five minute display of fireworks from Phil Hetherington from Rosley.

Cllr Lynch confirmed we do not need a license to transmit the televised concert outdoors.

Clare Stabler from NADT suggested locals who might be able to help organise games/activities for children on the day. These included Paul and Carol Harrison, Boxing club, football teams, Scouts, Cadets to help support this community event.

Sandra Keaveney mentioned that there is funding available from Sport England Jubilee Fund to get people active – this is the perfect opportunity to tap into this fund for Wigton’s community event.

28.2 10th ANNIVERSARY SPRING FLING

Mr Campbell confirmed dates for all of the events he’s involved with for events leaflet.

John Peel Theatre ‘Harvey’s Wallbanger Murder Mystery’ (price includes cocktail) May 12-15th
Box office open weekends in school term Sat 11-12

Wigton Windows Friday 20 May – Mon 6 June

Open Art Exhibition – Friday 27 May – Fri 3 June
10-4 Admission free. Cumberland Suite, Market Hall, Wigton

Jack Lukeman (TBC) – Thurs 2 June
7pm Market Hall, Wigton

Lord Bragg event Friday 3 June
7.30pm £26

Wigton Choral Society Summer Concert
7.30pm St Mary’s Church, Wigton
Programme announced closer to date. Tickets on sale in in June

28.3 TASTE OF WIGTON 2022

Taste of Wigton might be the perfect chance for RBLI to get involved and announce that they are up and running again – perhaps by giving out goodies that are branded with their logo or taking a gazebo.

Cllr Lynch suggested we have a small fairground ride and climbing wall for older children (perhaps hire two, as very popular?).

Ask Ellie to speak with Dennis about the musicians he will be approaching. It was suggested that we have some acoustic plus some local bands (as they have a following), and time the quieter music to coincide with the cooking demonstrations and when wedding takes place at 3pm.
Suggested we also check with Ellie whether circus skills are returning.

Cllr Scott suggested we have a Wigton Town Council presence at Taste of Wigton to talk with townspeople about feedback from questionnaire and plans for the future.

28.4 Christmas 2022

Road closure application needs to be completed for Sunday 27th Lights Switch On event.

Cllr Lynch asked for figures to be made available showing how much we have left over from 2021/22 that can be moved forward for 2022/23, and also the costs we have so far.

Clare Stabler presented options for Christmas:

Ice Rink – Option for three day hire, from Friday to Sunday. £6500/7000 + VAT for 12m x 8m. Hosting ice rink in Market Hall will save on security costs and ensure it will be able to run (ie. not weather dependent). We should be able to recoup half cost in tickets. Need to look at insurance. Members of the Business Group or local organisation might wish to sponsor the rink?

Other option is **curling lanes** – we could fit three into Market Hall. £1200 each lane.

Santa's Grotto – Location may need to relocate to Market Hall reception. Budget will be required to decorate to the appropriately festive level of a grotto.

Craft fair – People who ran it have retired. We will not be hosting this again.

Professor Pumpernickel – We have put out feelers to see if he can attend.

Children's craft activities – may be an option to relocate this to the Methodist Church on the Sunday afternoon. Cllr Ferriby may speak with Reverend Jackson concerning this.

Gazebos – need to check condition of the gazebos we have at WTC.

Vendors will be asked to supply their own. If ours are in good condition could hire them out for a fee.

Clare kindly said she would speak to all trades attending Taste of Wigton to see if they might be interested in attending as a vendor at the Jubilee event.

Meeting Closed at 7.15pm

Date of Next Meeting **Monday 7 March at 6pm**