

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE FESTIVALS COMMITTEE WAS
HELD ON MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2023 AT 6:00 PM

PRESENT

Councillors Scott, Armstrong, Hodson, Crouch
A Hetherington, C Meszaros and Stephen Collier (RBL)

Clerk: E. Ireton

FES/23/2022 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ferriby – on leave

FES/24/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

New committee member Claire Meszaros is the sister of the clerk, Emma Ireton

FES/25/2022 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

FES/26 /2022 EVENTS

27.1 Events Budget

The meeting was opened by Cllr Scott who was the stand in chair as Cllr Ferriby was on leave.

The committee was provided with a budget breakdown of events from 2022 and a draft budget for 2023. It was noted that in 2022 the overall budget for events including donations and income was £39696.82, this included a £10000 carry over from 2021 which was not spent. In total £54347 had been spent on events throughout the year, with an overspend of £14651.

For the 2023 budget the Christmas lights has been given its own budget line of £12000. The draft budget for events excluding the lights for the year is 23000. The proposed breakdown of the budget is:

King's Coronation - £3000
Wigton Park Centenary - £2000
Christmas Event - £18000

27.2 2023 Events

The committee discussed what events Wigton could have in 2023. It was decided that the clerk's office would contact Brian Campbell to ask whether there would be a Spring Fling in 2023. If it were to go ahead the Town Council would support the event but could not hire a room for the event. **ACTION** – clerk's office to contact Brian Campbell. It was also suggested that the Town Council could support the Fountain's Gallery 'Windows Week'. **ACTION** – Cllr Hodson to contact Carol Burns.

The Taste of Wigton Event has been pencilled in for Saturday 22nd April and possibly the 23rd April if there is enough interest although Allerdale are still to confirm these dates. **ACTION** – Contact Allerdale to find out who is organising the event and invite them to the next event meeting.

It was **AGREED** the King's Coronation on the 6th May 2023 will be celebrated at Barton Laws and will be a similar event to the Platinum Jubilee.

It is the 100 year centenary of Wigton Park so the Town Council would like to have an event within the park to celebrate. It was **AGREED** that the event would be a family affair with a Victorian theme. Stalls, attractions and food vendors would be invited and would pay a small fee to attend. The Bowling Club could also open as they have a bar and could promote their club as well as setting up an activity. There would be further attractions such as puppet shows, brass or ukulele bands and Victorian games. Date TBC but it was suggested to be Saturday 2nd September.

The Christmas light switch on event will be the last event but with a smaller budget. The town will take advantage of local talent and acts and attractions as well as having similar food vendors and stalls as the 2022 event. Date TBC.

27.3 Sponsorship/Fundraising

The events budget of £23000 does not include any donations, sponsorship or income. It would be beneficial to secure some sponsorship and arrange fundraising opportunities which will increase the budget and allow for future events.

ACTION – clerk's office to begin contacting local organisations to ask for sponsorship deals. The committee discussed several organisations that could be contacted. The clerk also requested committee members contact the clerk's office with suggestions of organisations that could be contacted.

The committee **AGREED** that there needs to be monthly meetings so the clerk will revise the meeting schedule.

Meeting closed at 7:02pm

Date of next meeting: Monday 6th March 2023.