

PRESENT: Cllr. Pat Strack
Cllr. Graeme Franklin
Cllr. Sandra Parnell
Cllr. Anne Mitchell

in attendance: Ash Tadjrishi, Events Co-ordinator

1 APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. R. Butler and Cllr. F. Turner.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th November were approved and signed as a true record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations made.

4 TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE FOR 2010

Cllr. Sandra Parnell elected chair and Cllr. Farida Turner elected Vice-Chair.

5 TO RECEIVE REPORT OF THE EVENTS COORDINATOR

Report attached. It was **RESOLVED** to put the Hitchcock Plaque unveiling on hold until such time as a suitable opportunity presented itself to maximise public interest. Fireworks were discussed and AT to liaise with Borehamwood FC regarding floodlighting during the display on Friday 5th November 2010. AT to increase the level of publicity for this year's display and highlight the fact that it is a free show. AT included provisional quotations provided by Cllr. S. Parnell for potential Town Newsletter costs as part of the report and suggested budget. Cllr. P. Strack pointed out that a regular newsletter would be valuable in attaining Quality Council status. Cllr. P. Strack invited AT to attend the newsletter committee meetings; next one to be held on Tues 14th Jan at 1pm. Coach Trips, AT to get feedback from pensioners regarding coach trip destinations. Civic Festival dates set as 19th June – 4th July. AT to investigate costs and availability of an outdoor screen to show potential Football World Cup and Wimbledon Tennis matches during the festival.

6 TO CONSIDER THE ENTERTAINMENTS BUDGET FOR 2010/11

AT presented committee with proposed budget for 2010/11 incorporating the wish list received from Cllrs. Strack and Parnell highlighting a few key areas.

Proposed increases included: £10,000 for future plaque unveilings. £4,000 increase to the Fireworks budget for a 50% increase in show length. £2,000 under New Initiatives towards Centenary celebrations for both the Girl Guides and All Saints Church. A £4,000 increase toward Christmas lighting and associated costs based on an improvement to the current display and overdue replacement of lights. Any other increases were adjustments based on actual figures from 2009. All items **AGREED**

Proposed reductions included: £500 saving on energy bill for Christmas Lights. £1,200 combined increase in targeted income for Ticket Sales, Concessions and Donations and Sponsorship. Cllr. G. Franklin suggested revisiting approaches made in the past to Tescos and Pinnacle Insurance for sponsorship towards Entertainments such as the Fireworks. £200 removed towards Miscellaneous Items and £500 removed from Video Services as AT proposed approaching Youth Council Committee to ask for volunteers to document festivities in 2010.

Any other reductions were adjustments based on actual figures from 2009. All items **AGREED**.

AT suggested a further £500 could be cut from 3226 – Hospitality. This was **REJECTED** as Cllr. A Mitchell and committee members **AGREED** that the previous year's quality of hospitality was below the expected standards and to cut funding for this could compromise

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quality further. AT proposed to explore options for a new supplier with help from Cllr. S. Parnell who would provide more feedback on 2009 specification.

SECTION 137 ITEMS

Read to the committee by AT:

“Resolved that the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, should incur the following expenditure which, in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:-“

Proposed £8,000 increase towards Town News for Printing and Distribution costs associated with producing a quarterly town newsletter.

Proposed £600 in increase in targeted income by **AGREED** rise of coach trip ticket prices to £6.

All other items zero change. All items **AGREED**

On the basis of the above the proposed budget presented was accepted and **AGREED** by the committee.

7 CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 21:00 hours.

Next Meeting scheduled for 25th February 2010 at 18:30 hours.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....