

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting held in Fairway Hall, Brook Close, Borehamwood on **Tuesday 9 September 2014** at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Mrs S Parnell (Chairman) (in the Chair)
Cllr S Rubner (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Mrs P Strack (Ex-Officio)
Cllr R Butler (Ex-Officio)
Cllr Mrs S Maughan
Cllr Mrs A Mitchell

In attendance: D Salter (Council Officer)

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Franklin (Other Business).

16. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There were none.

17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 July 2014 were approved and authorised for signing by the Committee Chairman.

18. TOWN FESTIVAL 2015

It was noted that St Teresa's Church was celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 2015 and had expressed an interest to some Members in being involved in the forthcoming Festival.

It was RESOLVED that:

- (i) a theme be determined for the 2015 Civic Festival at the Committee meeting on 14 October 2014; and**

- (ii) **the 2015 Festival dates be set as Saturday 13 June – Sunday 28 June 2015 (with Families Day on Saturday 27 June 2015).**

19. FIREWORKS NIGHT 2014

Members received a progress report on arrangements for organising the 5 November 2014 Fireworks Display on Meadow Park. It was noted that authorised vendors at the display would be required to wear designated Town Council Hi Vis Jackets. Members welcomed the report that Taylor Wimpey had contributed £500 of sponsorship to the event. 15 Stewards would be employed for the Fireworks Night event.

It was AGREED that:

- (i) **the 100 years of Film and Television production in Elstree and Borehamwood theme be determined for the 2014 Fireworks Display (with relevant publicity being drawn up along these lines by Council Officers, subject to budget); and**
- (ii) **the possibility be investigated of Hertsmere Borough Council installing a ‘drop down’ bollard at the Meadow Road entrance to Meadow Park to facilitate vehicular access to the site by contractors (and thereby reduce damage to grass).**

20. CHRISTMAS

Members received a progress report on arrangements for organising the 2014/15 Christmas Lights and ‘Switch On’ Event on Saturday 30 November 2014. It was noted that agreement had been reached to provide the same event activities; ice rink, Borehamwood Brass Band, Festoon lights, Red Cross, Carousel and Hot Chocolate stand (provided by Mr J Amer) and two concerts in All Saints Church.

The Town Council would seek to provide festive refreshments in 96 Shenley Road. It was noted that J Amer had informed Officers of the availability of a ‘Santa’s Grotto’ item for the event and this would be further considered by the Committee once further details, including a photograph(s), were available.

Two Stewards would be employed for the Christmas Event.

It was noted that Cllr Mrs P Strack would liaise with Rev. Richard Leslie and Hazlyn Hazel regarding the availability of All Saints and any requirements.

Subject to any financial and availability commitments, it was agreed that the appearance of a former EastEnders actor should be investigated.

Members were asked to consider three options from ‘Lamps and Tubes Illuminations Ltd’ regarding the erection of Christmas lights at St Nicholas Church.

It was AGREED that:

- (i) further information be obtained from St Nicholas' Church regarding the status of the building (e.g. whether listed) and the church's possible financial contribution to festive lights on its site (or application for a Community Grant); and**
- (ii) the possibility of the Town Council purchasing and installing lights directly for the purposes of (i) above be investigated.**

21. COMMITTEE BUDGET 2014/15

VE Day Commemorative Event

Members discussed the possibility of holding a commemorative event on Sunday 10 May 2015 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm on Woodcock Hill to mark 70 years since VE Day. It was suggested that attendees could be encouraged to bring a picnic and Nick Male and his acoustic band could perform. It was recognised that the event should be co-ordinated with any activities planned by the Borehamwood branch of the British Legion.

It was AGREED that:

costs be obtained for a pyrotechnics display to be held at the VE Day commemorative event on Sunday 10 May 2015 for inclusion in the draft 2015/16 Budget.

22. HEAD STEWARD'S JOB DESCRIPTION

It was RESOLVED that:

the job description of the Head Steward before Members (September 2014) be approved and adopted with immediate effect.

23. FORTHCOMING MUSICAL CONCERTS

Members discussed the possibility of having the BBC Concert Band again at Allum Lane, if available, for a Christmas Concert (ideally on 8 or 15 December 2014). Tickets would be priced at £5.00 each (no concessions).

It was AGREED that:

- (i) a mutually convenient date be set for the 2014 Christmas Concert with Allum Hall and the BBC Concert Band (if possible); and**

- (ii) a programme be viewed by the Entertainments Committee relating to (i) above in advance.

24. SENIOR CITIZENS' COACH TRIPS

It was recognised that the administration for the senior citizens' coach trips had worked well this year with 600 tickets being sold and the new destination (Oxford) proving a popular choice. 54 Feedback forms were received which were largely positive in providing helpful suggestions for future destinations and other comments.

Some Members expressed concern about the ability of residents whose Carers were not themselves Elstree or Borehamwood residents to take advantage of this particular Council service. As such, it was felt that in future, the eligibility for a ticket should be broadened (as set out below)

It was AGREED that:

- (i) from 2015, a single Carer be eligible for a senior citizens' coach trip ticket to accompany a Resident of Elstree or Borehamwood aged 60+ (regardless of that Carer's place of residence); and
- (ii) the terms and conditions for the senior citizens' coach trips be reviewed at the Committee meeting on 14 October 2014.

25. TOWN CRIER

It was AGREED that:

the next Town Crier Sub-Committee meeting be scheduled to take place on Wednesday 17 September 2014 at 2.00 pm in the Town Council Offices' Meeting Room.

26. CLOSURE

It was noted that the next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 14 October 2014.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Date:..... CHAIRMAN.....