

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting at Fairway Hall on **Tuesday 31 August 2021** at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P Strack (Chairman) (in the Chair)
Cllr V Eni (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mrs F Turner (Substitute) (ex-officio)
Cllr Mrs S Parnell (ex-officio)
Cllr S Rubner
Cllr P Kaza
Cllr R Challis

In attendance: D Salter (Entertainments Officer)

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Lawrence (Other Business) (Cllr Mrs F Turner Substitute).

9. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There was none.

10. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 July 2021 were approved and authorised for signing by the Committee Chairman.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

12. CIVIC FESTIVAL 2021

The Entertainments Officer provided Members with a video and report on the 2021 Civic Festival.

Virtual Events

The Town Council produced four virtual events for the 2021 Civic Festival;

Virtual Festival Service

The faith groups of Elstree and Borehamwood came together for a special online service. The video was introduced by Town Mayor Cllr F Turner and featured Father Dominic McKenna, Reverend Louise Collins, Rabbi Jeff Berger, Janet Ekanem, Kashif Merchant and Nick Male

Virtual Schools Art Show

This years theme was the Environment and featured work from;

Cowley Hill School
Meryfeild School
Parkside School
Saffron Green School
St Nicholas School
St Teresa's School
Woodlands School

Virtual Literary Festival – Part 1

Following on from the success of the 2020 Virtual Literary Festival two more professional authors gave talks and advice on writing. This years contributors were Peter May and Broadcaster Will Self. The video was introduced by the culture secretary Oliver Dowden MP.

Virtual Literary Festival – Part 2, Writers in the Wood

This companion piece featured advice on writing from local group Writers in the Wood.

Festival Quiz

This year only five teams registered for the 2021 festival quiz.

There were 120 questions split over twelve rounds, all the questions were taken from the Collins Pub Quiz book.

The categories were:

Mad Dogs And Englishmen
Food & Drink
Song Lyrics
Film & TV Bars
General Knowledge

Dogs
Reds n Blues
Movies & TV
Sports
Places
Science/Nature
History

The winners were The Writers in the Wood

Allotment Open Day

Ten people attended the open day at Melrose allotments, the group were guided around the allotment by one of the council Wardens and met plot holders who gave advice and samples.

Chess Night

Hosted by local chess enthusiast Anthony Kent at Fairway Hall, the event was a huge success with every table and chess board being used. Due to the popularity the event over ran by half an hour in order for everybody to finish their games.

Indoor Circus Workshop

This event was split over two days and had twenty people turn up for the free circus skills workshop hosted by XPG Events.

Festival ParkRun

This year working alongside ParkRun it was decided not to give out trophies for best times and instead promote healthy living and exercise in line the ParkRun ethos.
108 people took part in the run.

Flag Raising

The new Town flag was raised at Fairway Hall by the Town Mayor and the two runners up Isabella Sasto and Madison Bradley. The Winner Lily Saron was unable to attend the event so a special meeting was arranged for her to come and meet the Mayor to receive her prize.

Teddys Trails

This popular festival event returned with 26 walkers taking a 5 mile guided walk with John Cartledge starting and finishing at Elstree and Borehamwood Railway Station.

Families Day

Due to bad weather conditions this event unfortunately had to be cancelled.

It was AGREED that:

- (i) The dates for the 2022 Civic Festival would be 11/6/2022 – 26/6/2022;**
- (ii) Families Day to take place over two days 25/6/2022 – 26/6/2022;**
- (iii) The Circus to return for the Families Day Weekend**
- (iv) The BBC Elstree Concert Band to return with the music of John Williams; and**
- (v) Borehamwood Brass preform in the Entertainments Arena during the Families Day Weekend.**

13. FUTURE EVENTS

Members received an update on the remaining 2021 Town Council events.

5th November – Fireworks Night
28th November – Christmas Lights Switch On
8 December - BBC Elstree Concert Band

14. TOWN CRIER

Members discussed articles for the upcoming issue 43.

It was AGREED:

The Town Crier sub-committee meet at Fairway Hall on Monday 6th September at 1.30pm.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was RESOLVED that:

under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1 (2) the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst staffing matters were discussed.

16. APPOINTMENT OF HEAD STEWARD TO JULY 2022

It was RESOLVED that:

R Jarvis be reappointed as the Head Steward for the remainder of the 2021/22 Council Year (to cover Fireworks Night and Christmas Switch On 2021) and for the Civic Festival 2022 (with a review at the end of that period) and the job description and delegated powers of appointment and management of Stewards be similarly approved for that period (as previously agreed by the Committee).

17. CLOSURE

It was noted that the next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5 October 2021.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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