

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting at Fairway Hall on **Tuesday 16 January 2024** at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr L Smith (Chairman)

Cllr G Alexander (Vice Chairman)

Cllr P Nirmalakumaran

Cllr T Kumar

Cllr A Plancey

A representative from the Youth Council

In attendance:

D Salter (Entertainments Officer)

G Martell (Deputy Clerk)

A Grady (Borehamwood Brass)

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Cllr R Challice (ex-officio) (Other Business), Cllr A Collins (ex-officio) (Other Business).

45. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There was none.

46. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on Tuesday 13 November 2023 were approved.

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Grady from Borehamwood Brass gave a verbal presentation on the summer brass band concerts.

It was AGREED:

- (i) The Town Council pay up to £1500 for four outdoor brass band concerts to take place in Meadow Park during the summer;**
- (ii) Provide two stewards for each concert; and**
- (iii) Supply the Town Council PA System for all 4 concerts.**

48. EVENTS FORUM

Members received the minutes from the first Events Forum held on Wednesday 10 January.

It was AGREED:

To investigate the following ideas for potential future Events.

- National Pizza Day (Best Pizza in Elstree & Borehamwood Competition) – Sunday 9 February 2025**
- National Burger Day (Best Burger in Elstree & Borehamwood Competition) – Thursday 21 August 2025**
- Easter Egg Hunt**
- Dog Show at Families Day**
- Petting Zoo at Families Day**
- Outdoor Christmas German Market**
- World Laughter Day (Stand-Up Comedy Event) – 4 May 2025**
- Big Screen for the Olympics**
- Brass Band competition**
- Pride Event**
- Cake Competition**
- Vegetable Competition**
- Car Treasure Hunt**
- Borehamwood Parkrun**
- Unsung Heroes Community Awards**
- Diwali Event**
- Santa Run**

49. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2023

The Entertainments Officer provided Members with a verbal report of the 2023 Christmas Events.

It was noted that ticket sales were down on the Christmas Market Coach Trips and the BBC Band.

50. CIVIC FESTIVAL

Members discussed arrangements for the 2024 Civic Festival and other summer events.

- D-Day 80th Anniversary at Woodcock Hill – Thursday 6 June
- Festival Church Service – Date TBC
- Festival Parkrun – Date TBC
- Festival Chess Night - Date TBC
- Festival Allotments Open Day & Evening – Date TBC
- Festival Teddy's Trails guided walk - Date TBC
- Festival Quiz – Date TBC
- Festival BBC Band Concert - Date TBC
- Families Day – Saturday 6 July
- Brass Band Concert in Meadow Park – Sunday 7 July
- Brass Band Concert in Meadow Park – Sunday 14 July
- Brass Band Concert in Meadow Park – Sunday 21 July
- Brass Band Concert in Meadow Park – Sunday 28 July

It was AGREED that:

The festival dates will be Saturday 22 June - Sunday 7 July

51. BLUE/GREEN PLAQUES

Members discussed the proposal from J Cartledge to have a green plaques scheme similar to the blue plaque scheme in London, operated by English Heritage which links distinguished figures from the past with the buildings in which they lived or worked.

It was AGREED:

To invite J Cartledge to the February Entertainments Committee meeting to discuss this in more detail.

52. TOWN COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS

Members discussed the recently published “What’s On in WD6” magazine.

It was AGREED:

After feedback from the Events Forum and the low-ticket sales at Christmas it was agreed that the What’s On in WD6 magazine be delivered twice a year instead of just once a year.

53. CLOSURE

It was noted that the next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on 13th February 2024.

The Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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