

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting at Fairway Hall on **Tuesday 6 June 2023** at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr L Smith (Chairman)
Cllr R Challice (ex-officio)
Cllr A Collins (ex-officio)
Cllr T Kumar
Cllr P Nirmalakumaran
Cllr A Plancey

In attendance: A representative from Borehamwood Comedy Club
D Salter (Entertainments Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Cllr G Alexander (Vice-Chairman) (Other Business)

2. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There was none

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 needed to be amended. They will be approved at the 4 July meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A representative from Borehamwood Comedy Club addressed the Committee and discussed possible future events including A Festival Comedy Night and Kids Comedy Day.

It was AGREED:

To investigate the costs and what would be involved in holding a Comedy Night at Fairway Hall during the 2024 Festival.

5. CIVIC FESTIVAL 2023

Members received a verbal report on the rundown of the 2023 Summer Events.

Sunday 11 June 2023

- Festival Service
- Mozart Players Concert

Monday 12 June 2023

- Chess Night at Fairway Hall

Thursday 15 June 2023

- Festival Bingo Night
- Allotment Open Day at Melrose Allotments

Friday 16 June 2023

- Borehamwood Brass Concert at All Saints Church
- Flower Festival at All Saints Church

Saturday 17 June 2023

- Festival Parkrun at Aldenham Park
- Fire Station Open Day
- Elstree Productions – Walk on By

Sunday 18 June 2023

- Teddy's Trails Festival Walk
- Elstree Productions – Walk on By

Tuesday 20 June 2023

- Festival Quiz Night

Wednesday 21 June 2023

- BBC Elstree Concert Band – Shaken, Not Stirred

Saturday 24 June 2023

- Families Day & John Lawson's Circus in Meadow Park

Sunday 25 June 2023

- Sounds of Summer Music Festival & John Lawsons Circus in Meadow Park

Meadow Park Free Brass Bands Concerts

Sunday 25 June 2023

- 12pm – Borehamwood Brass

Sunday 2 July 2023

- 3pm – Hemel Hempstead Band

Sunday 9 July 2023

- 3pm – Welwyn Garden City Band

Sunday 16 July 2023

- 3pm – Watford Brass Band

Members discussed ideas for possible events for 2024 Civic Festival which included;

- Bhaktivedanta Manor Open Day.
- Police Cadets Display.
- Police attending Families Day with a vehicle on display and activities.
- Parade and Families Day combined in to one event.

It was AGREED:

- i. To investigate setting up Town Council Tik Tok and Instagram accounts;**
- ii. Advertise in the local supermarkets including leaflets, notice boards and trolley parks; and**
- iii. Form a 2024 Festival Sub Committee**

6. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members discussed the Christmas Lights options for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 displays. Also discussed was the programme of events for the 2023 Christmas period.

Current Events;

- Sunday 26 November – Lights Switch-On
- Saturday 2 December – Elstree & Borehamwood's Got Talent
- TBC – BBC Elstree Concert Band Christmas Show
- TBC – Christmas Coach Trips

Members discussed ideas for possible future Christmas Events which included;

- Hanukkah Event
- Sebby's Corner/Mayors Charity Event
- Diwali Event
- Winter Food Festival
- Coca Cola Truck Visit
- Sponsored 3D Christmas Light Street Sculptures around the Town.
- To have a Christmas Festival similar to the Summer Festival.
- Have the Youth Council invite the star player of Boreham Wood Knights to the Switch-On

It was AGREED:

- To defer Christmas Lights options until the July 2023 Meeting.**

7. TOWN CRIER

Members discussed the Summer Issue (50) of the Town Crier and the future of the magazine.

Ideas that were discussed;

- No longer deliver to every resident.
- Reduce printing to 5000.
- Have key locations around the town to distribute them – Supermarkets, Railway Station, Library, 96 Shenley Road, Doctors Surgeries, Shops etc.
- Remove School News.
- Promote the online version and have a hit count on the website.
- Have an event what's-on guide.
- Have QR Codes advertised in notice boards directing users to online edition.
- Reduce pages and size.

8. CLOSURE

It was noted that the next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 4 July 2023.

The Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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