

ELSTREE AND BOREHAMWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting at Fairway Hall on **Tuesday 4 July 2023** at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr L Smith (Chairman)

Cllr G Alexander (Vice Chairman)

Cllr R Challice (ex-officio)

Cllr A Collins (ex-officio)

Cllr T Kumar

Cllr P Nirmalakumaran

Cllr A Plancey

In attendance:

Cllr R Butler (Agenda item 1 to 5)

A member of the public (Agenda item 1 to 5)

D Salter (Entertainments Officer)

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There was none.

10. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS

There was none.

11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 and Tuesday 6 June 2023 were approved.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members received feedback on the civic festival from a member of the public.

13. CIVIC FESTIVAL 2023

Members received a verbal report from the Entertainments Officer on council run events during the 2023 Civic Festival.

Sunday 11 June 2023 - Festival Service

The festival service took place in Holy Cross Church in Balmoral Drive and was well attended and enjoyed by all. The Town Council supplied Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Biscuits for the reception held after. Thanks to Rev Louise Collins for holding it.

Monday 12 June 2023 - Chess Night at Fairway Hall

The Chess night was the most successful one since the Town Council brought it back to the festival five years ago. Over 30 people attended throughout the evening.

Thursday 15 June 2023 - Festival Bingo Night

This was the first time the Town Council had held a Festival Bingo night, unfortunately it was a poor attendance.

Thursday 15 June 2023 – Melrose Allotment Open Day

8 People turned up for the guided walk around Melrose Allotment, it was suggested that next year we hold one in the evening for people who work in the day.

Friday 16 June 2023 - Flower Festival at All Saints Church

There were 23 entries.

Saturday 17 June 2023 - Festival Parkrun at Aldenham Park

156 people took part in the run, Cllr A Collins waited at the finish line hand out bottles of water to every runner.

Sunday 18 June 2023 - Teddy's Trails Festival Walk

13 people booked a place on the walk but only 9 people turned up. This is the first year that the Entertainments Officer was the tour guide.

Tuesday 20 June 2023 - Festival Quiz Night

40 people took part in this year's festival quiz, the winners were "The Face of Burgess Goldstein"

Wednesday 21 June 2023 - BBC Elstree Concert Band "Shaken, Not Stirred"

A rare low turnout for this popular festival event with only 60 people attending.

Saturday 24 June 2023 - Families Day & John Lawson's Circus in Meadow Park

Once again the free circus was very popular with every performance full to capacity. Over the weekend at least 4000 people saw the show.

25 Stalls took part on the day.

It was AGREED:

- i. Have specially made posters for events to advertise in Supermarkets;**
- ii. Collect prizes throughout the year for 2024 Bingo Night;**
- iii. BBC Band Tickets Prices – Normal £10, Under 18 £5 and Under 12 Free;**
- iv. Book Lawsons Circus for 2024;**
- v. Charge £1 entry for the circus;**
- vi. St John's Ambulance to be asked first to cover event first aid;**
- vii. Families Day to be held on Saturday 6 July 2024;**
- viii. Investigate having a small walking parade stating at All Saints Church and ending at Meadow Park on Families Day;**
- ix. All Councillors on the Entertainment Committee should be involved in Town Council events;**
- x. Investigate a monthly Car Boot Sale;**
- xi. Get quote for a twice year 8-page A5 Events Programme; and**
- xii. To do a draft plan for a one week civic festival in 2024.**

14. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Members discussed the 2023 Christmas Lights display.

It was AGREED:

- i. To use the 2022 display for one more year and then go out to tender in January 2024; and**

- ii. **Ask SKY for Christmas Lights sponsorship;**

15. FIREWORKS NIGHT

Members listened to and discussed music options for the 2024 Fireworks Display taking place on Sunday 5 November 2023.

It was AGREED:

- i. **This year's music choice is Movie Mix.**

16. CLOSURE

It was noted that the next Committee meeting was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 5 September 2023.

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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