

MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29TH. APRIL 2015

Present : Councillor G Hale (Chair)

Councillors Z Hammond, D Davies, G Erasmus, C Erasmus, J Criddle & B Baber

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Farina-Childs, M Harris & M Veater MBE

2. To Receive the Minute of the Events Committee Meeting held on 25th. February 2015

It was ***resolved*** the minutes be received

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4. To Meet with Mrs. Ann Evans (Twinkle Twinkle Boutique) to discuss possible sponsorship and ideas for Carnival Parade

Unfortunately, albeit the date and time had been agreed with Mrs Evans, she had not been able to attend.

Councillors C Erasmus & Z Hammond reported that they had met with Mrs Evans on a number of occasions and that she was really enthused about helping out again this year.

She had suggested that perhaps we run this years carnival parade with a specific theme, namely Alice in Wonderland, and that she was willing to make all the necessary dresses/costumes. It was also proposed the age limit be amended to 8 – 16year olds.

This would mean moving away from the tried and tested Carnival Queen & Court, but members thought the proposal worthy of support, and ***agreed*** to proceed on this basis.

It was ***agreed*** given time constraints that Councillor G Erasmus proceed with ordering the printing of A5 & A4 Notices together with A3 flyers, and application forms (with deadline dates etc. to be agreed by Councillors C Erasmus & Z Hammond - likely to be 21st. May)

Councillors C Erasmus & Z Hammond ***agreed*** to arrange a meeting with Mrs Evans and discuss the proposals in more detail and report back to the next meeting. It was also ***agreed*** to utilise the Moose Hall for interviews, and provisional dates were identified.

The Clerk was asked to provide a budget for the carnival to assist with their meeting.

A suggestion that consideration be given to organising a float just for this element of the parade be explored, with the Clerk checking with our Insurers to ascertain any specific requirements.

It was also ***agreed*** that Phoenix Transport be approached to provide a bus on the day to assist with any problems along the parade route.

5. *Other Carnival Issues*

The Clerk reported that he had received permission for use of Civic Centre Grounds for carnival, albeit he would need to clarify boundary areas identified on map/plan provided. It was also noted there were conditions that no goldfish or other live prizes be permitted, and that no sky lanterns be released from the event.

The Chair stated he would make renewed efforts this year to get more local organisations involved in the carnival parade and a presence on site.

The Clerk reminded members that with the probable sale of the Civic Centre site in the future, this could very well be the final event based at this venue, and that serious consideration would have to be given to how and where the event continues.

The Chair stated this could give a real opportunity to work with C.C.B.C. in the future, maybe merging with their Summer Event, and any carnival parade finishing up in town.

Members agreed there were opportunities, and serious consideration be given to alternatives as soon as we hear the Civic Centre Site is up for sale.

6. *Provisional dates for Civic Awards Evening & Lantern Parade/ Carol Concert*

After some discussion it was **agreed** the dates for this years events be similar to last year –

Civic Awards Evening - Early November dependent upon available dates at Institute

Switch On of Christmas Lights - Saturday 28th. November (Check with C.C.B.C. date of Christmas Market – ideally the week before)

Lantern Parade/ Carol Concert – Thursday 3rd. December

The Chair proposed that more regular meetings of the Events Committee be held, to ensure all members are aware of ongoing issues.