



**WALMER TOWN COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Events Committee held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at No 62 The Strand, Walmer at 5.30pm.**

Present: Cllr Tony Grist (Chairman); Cllr Diana Richardson, Cllr Mark Simpson, Cllr Louise Ludwig and Cllr Elinor Crockford.

Officers Present: Roland Aldred – Town Clerk.

Cllr Crockford was not present for the start of the meeting.

**480. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Friend offered apologies that were accepted. Cllr Crockford offered apologies as she would be late.

**481. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No interests were declared.

**482. OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.**

The Chairman reminded those present of the terms of openness and transparency.

**483. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be taken as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr Richardson

Seconded by: Cllr Ludwig

For 4      Against 0      Abstain 0

**484. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA.**

None.

**485. EVENTS BUDGET.**

i. Members received the budget and current financial position vs the budget for 2024/25.

ii. Members received the budget for 2025/26.

**RESOLVED** – Members noted the budgets.

Proposed by – Cllr Simpson

Seconded by - Cllr Grist

For 4      Against 0      Abstain 0

Cllr Crockford arrived.

**486. CHRISTMAS CAROLS & CLASSICS EVENT REVIEW.**

Members discussed feedback from the Christmas Carols and Classics event in December. Members discussed whether DDC policy would mean looking at alternative locations, various small issues that had been noted and that they would like to see more community involvement. Members requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss what to do for the event in 2025.

**487. EVENT PLANNING CHILDRENS FESTIVAL 2025.**

- i. To receive an update from the officer.

Members received an update on the planning for the Children's Festival.

**RESOLVED** – To book applause touring acts "Caspian the Crab" and "Aquanauts Adrift" for the Children's Festival.

Proposed – Cllr Richardson

Seconded – Cllr Grist

For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

Members asked the officers to talk to Applause about the requirements they would have for the day, and to look at any potential solutions that may be required. Members further discussed the idea of a hydration station, information provided by the officers suggested that the outdoor solutions would be too large and expensive to provide value.

**RESOLVED** – To agree to hold the prices for vendors from 2024/25 for the Children's Festival.

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Grist

For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

Members discussed additional catering options and asked the officers to reach out and see if there was interest.

- ii. To discuss quotes received for hire of portable toilets.

Members received a written report from the Events Officer on the pricing of two options for providing portable toilets.

**RESOLVED** – To accept the quote from Environmental Services

Proposed – Cllr Ludwig

Seconded – Cllr Simpson

For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

- iii. To agree quote obtained for first aiders.

Members received a quote for a First responder and Emergency care assistant.

**RESOLVED** – To accept the quote from Wantsum Medical.

Proposed – Cllr Simpson

Seconded – Cllr Ludwig

For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

**488. EVENT PLANNING BROCANTE 2025**

- i. To receive an update on actions.  
Members noted progress on actions.
- ii. To agree pitch sizes and prices.  
Members received a written report on pitch sizes and prices.  
**RESOLVED** – To hold prices on single pitch sizes and remove discount for doubles. Pitch sizes to remain the same as 2024.  
Proposed – Cllr Ludwig  
Seconded – Cllr Crockford  
For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0
- iii. To agree quote for portable toilets.  
Members received a written report from the Events Officer on the pricing of two options for providing portable toilets.  
**RESOLVED** – To accept the quote from Environmental Services  
Proposed – Cllr Ludwig  
Seconded – Cllr Simpson  
For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0
- iv. To agree quote for first aiders.  
Members received a quote for a First responder and Emergency care assistant.  
**RESOLVED** – To accept the quote from Wantsum Medical.  
Proposed – Cllr Simpson  
Seconded – Cllr Ludwig  
For 5 Against 0 Abstain 0

**489 FUTURE/OTHER EVENTS**

- i. Marke Wood open day.  
Members discussed how Walmer Town Council could get involved in the potential Marke Wood open day that DDC has suggested may occur for the opening of the play park. Members asked that the officers get in touch with DDC officers to find out more details.
- ii. Volunteers' presentation event.  
Members discussed having a joint Walmer in Bloom and volunteers thank you event. Members asked that more information was provided, and further discussion will take place.
- iii. Discussion future new event ideas.  
Members were asked to think of idea for additional events they would like to see.

**490. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 17.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 18.50pm.

Signed .....

Date .....