



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, 37 HIGH STREET ON 20TH MARCH 2024 AT 7.00PM**

Councillors: Baxter, Cashin, Chicken, Curwen, Hemmerman, Peaks

Clerk to the Meeting – Kevin Keller

Also in attendance John Nelson from the Armed Forces Breakfast Club

1. Apologies for absence.

An apology was received and accepted from Cllr King.

2. Declarations

- a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring an interest should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

There were no declarations.

- b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items below.

There were no dispensations.

3. To note the Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on 15 November 2023 (previously agreed at Full Council).

The minutes were duly noted and there were no matters arising.

4. To consider the Civic Service 2024

The event is to be held on Sunday 21st April at All Saints' Church. The Clerk confirmed that invitations had been sent out and Rustik Lounge had been contacted regarding a carved buffet. The Clerk and Chair of the council to speak to the vicar regarding the order of service.

5. To consider the 80th anniversary of D-Day – 6th June 2024

Cllr Hemmerman Proposed and Cllr Baxter seconded that the meeting suspend Standing Orders to allow Mr Nelson to be involved in the conversation. Resolved.

Mr Nelson informed members that the Armed Forces Breakfast Club would be holding a sit-down breakfast in the Town Hall on Saturday 1st June to mark the anniversary.

The Clerk confirmed that D-Day Flags of Peace had been ordered and that the beacon lighting had been arranged with All Saints' Church and the fire service. The Weighton Bell Ringers will also be taking part in the national event. The Clerk to check with the vicar of All Saints' to see if any church service is planned.

6. To consider Armed Forces Day - 29th June 2024

In 2023 a barbeque had been held to mark the day, but numbers had been low. Mr Nelson confirmed that many members of the Armed Forces Breakfast Club were with their former regiments on the day and would be again this year. In the absence of any other events, it was agreed that the Armed Forces Day flag would be flown from the town's main flagpole.

Signed by the Chairman

7. To consider the Town Council's 50th Anniversary – 17th July 2024

It was Proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded by Cllr Cashin that present and former councillors be invited to a dinner to be held at the Bay Horse. Resolved.

8. To consider Christmas Switch On – Sunday 1st December 2024

The Chair proposed holding the Christmas event on Sunday rather than the usual Thursday, which would mean less disruption to bus services and would allow the event to begin earlier in the afternoon, hopefully encouraging more people to attend the event. Proposed Cllr Chicken, seconded Cllr Cashin. Resolved.

9. To consider the town Christmas Tree

Following criticism of the tree in 2023, it was proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded by Cllr Hemmerman that Garrowby Estates be approached to supply the town's main Christmas tree and that it be installed in the new position on the High Street rather than the Market Hill. Resolved.

A discussion regarding the Market Hill followed and Cllr Chicken moved an amendment to his original proposal. That the trees on the Market Hill be decorated with lights with a budget be set of £2,000 for new and replacement lights in addition to the town tree being located on the High Street,. Proposed by Cllr Chicken, seconded Cllr Cashin. Resolved.

10. To consider any relevant committee issues – For information only, no decisions

Cllr Chicken informed members that a Yorkshire Day event would be on the next agenda. Cllr Curwen asked if yellow and gold flowers could be used in the summer planting scheme to mark the council's golden anniversary. The Clerk said he would investigate.

11. Recommendations to Full Council

That a budget of £2,000 be set for new and replacement Christmas lights and that the tree be sourced from Garrowby Estates.

That the Christmas event be held on Sunday 1st December.

That a dinner be held for all current and surviving former councillors to mark the 50th anniversary of the town council.

12. The next meeting of the Events Committee.

To be confirmed

There being no further business to discuss, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.44pm