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Minutes of the hybrid meeting of the Culture, Events & Promotions Committee held on Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 7.00pm in the Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil BA20 1PQ; and by video-conference using Zoom meeting software.

Committee Members Present (in person): Cllrs D Woan (Chair); K Gill; E Hopkins, J Jimba, A Kendall; J Lock; T Lock; J Lowery, G Oakes; and R White.

Members Also Present: Cllrs W Read (Yeovil Summerlands Ward) and Cllr A Richards (Wyndham Hill Ward).

In Attendance (in person): A Card (CEO/Town Clerk) and S Freemantle (Deputy Town Clerk).

Public Comment. There were no members of the public and one member of the press present (virtually).

7.00pm – Meeting Commenced

11/162. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Apologies for absence (*LGA 1972 s85(1)*) were received from Cllrs T Casey (work commitments).

RESOLVED: to accept the apologies with the reasons given.

11/163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this stage.

11/164. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Committee approved as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th September 2024.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meetings of the Promotions and Activities Committee held on 17th September 2024 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/165. SUPER SATURDAY

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk who added that the budget allocation for the Super Saturday events this year would be underbudget as it had been anticipated that The Triangle was going to be open which would have extended the area of the event. Councillors commented that they were pleased to see Yeovil full of people and there was a positive buzz in the town.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

11/166. URGENT DECISION:CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

11/167. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

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RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

11/168. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON EVENT

The Committee offered feedback about the event which was very positive. It was reported that the public enjoyed seeing and interacting with the pantomime characters and loved Luke Evans. A question was raised regarding the shops staying open.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

11/169. PROPOSAL FOR LANTERN PARADE

As no report/request had been received, this agenda item was no longer required.

11/170. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk and Councillors commented that the event had been very well run. Members of staff involved in the organisation of the event were thanked. It was also noted that it was the highest turn out of Councillors.

Comments were made regarding the shorter ceremony on Monday 11th November as Councillors were disappointed that the noise of the buses in The Borough was distracting. It was agreed that for a short period of time, and in particular the two minute silence, it should be up to individuals to be respectful.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

11/171. UPDATE FROM ARTS AND HERITAGE WORKING GROUP

The Committee considered the report by the Deputy Town Clerk.

With regard to the Heritage Collection, the Chair informed the Committee that he had been in communication with the Heritage Co-ordinator regarding some old chemist shop artefacts which were originally from the area and would soon be available.

The Deputy Town Clerk had received attendance and engagement statistics from the Heritage Co-ordinator and relayed this information to the Committee. It was agreed that this information would be forwarded to Committee members.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that agenda item 11/173 be considered next on the agenda, ahead of the draft budget agenda item.

RESOLVED: that agenda item 11/173 County Music Festival be considered before agenda item 11/172, Draft Budget 2025/26.

11/173. COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Committee considered the suggested proposal for a Country Music Festival and Cllr Oakes outlined the possibilities for an event to be held at Westlands Entertainment Venue in early 2026. Discussion took place regarding potential bands and the Chair explained that he had contact details for an appropriate artist.

RESOLVED: (1) that the proposal be noted and agreed, (2) that a sum of £5,000 be included in the draft Culture, Events and Promotions Budget; and (3) that a Working Party for the event consist of Cllr Gill, Cllr Oakes, Cllr Woan, the Director of Culture, Events and Promotions and a Clerk.

11/172. DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26

The Committee considered the draft budget and agreed to add a budget allocation for the proposed Country Music Festival of £5,000.

RESOLVED: that with the inclusion of the addition of a budget allocation for the proposed Country Music Festival of £5,000, the draft Culture, Events and Promotions Budget be supported and referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

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