



Thurcroft Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Facilities & Events Committee held on Thursday 19 July 2024

Present Councillors: C. McCartan (Chair), D. Brown, V. Burford, T. Murphy (4 councillors).

Apologies were received from Councillor: H. Bell, B. Clark.

Absent: N. Ronksley

Proper Officer: Thomas Collingham (Clerk and RFO)

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting started at 6.30pm.

FE/2024/26 To receive and approve reasons for absence

Resolved:- That councillors approved reasons for absence received from H. Bell and B. Clark.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/27 To receive declarations of personal and pecuniary interest for members and officers

No declarations of interest were received.

FE/2024/28 To receive and approve the minutes of the Facilities & Events Committee meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2024

Resolved:- That the minutes of the Facilities and Events Committee held on Thursday 11th July 2024 be approved by a true and accurate record of the meeting and the chairman to certify the minutes with a signature at the bottom of each page.

Voting:- 4 councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/29 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

There were no written requests for dispensations.

FE/2024/30 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation need to be granted.

FE/2024/31 To identify any agenda items which may be considered following the exclusion of the press and public, due to the confidential nature to be discussed. Under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2)

That no items were considered for exclusion of the press and public.



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FE/2024/32 Public Participation Session

No members of public in attendance.

FE/2024/33 To discuss and consider the events to be held in Summer 2024

Members discussed each of the summer events and voted separately on each proposal.

FE/2024/34 Picnic in the park/Movie night

Members raised that they wished to hold a movie night and would like to find a company that could come and do a picnic in the park, if possible through the summer holidays. Members agreed that they wished for it to be a free event and to provide some pop, crisps and sweets for children. Members wished for this to take place on a Friday evening, where the hall is available for a back-up – and for it to commence from 7pm.

Resolved:- The Clerk is delegated to find a company that would be able to provide a movie night, in line with the General Events budget.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/35 Sports Day

This item is to be deferred until next year.

FE/2024/36 Superhero day party

Members agreed that they would like to have a superhero party within the summer holidays. This would take place on a Wednesday, 11-3pm with additional bouncy castles. Members wished for the event to be open and free for all, encouraging families to bring their own picnic.

Resolved:- That delegation be given for the Clerk to ring companies to organise the characters to check for availability within the budget of the General Eventing fund and if successful begin to advertise the event for this summer.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/37 To discuss and consider the parish events for Halloween

Members discussed each of the events and resolved separately on each proposal.

FE/2024/38 Best dressed house competition



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Members agreed that it would be good to introduce a best dressed house competition for Halloween. It has been successful in past years.

Members agreed for prizes to be given out for the best dressed house and to open this out separately to Laughton Common if they wish to also have a competition.

It was agreed to check if the Mayor of Rotherham is available on Thursday 30th October to judge the competition and for Cllr H Bell to lead on the organisation of the event.

Resolved:- That the Clerk follow up on the Mayor of Rotherham's availability and that delegation be given to Cllr H Bell to organise the event in line with the General Events budget.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/39 Halloween Party Fancy dress

Members would like to organise a Halloween party this year. It would be a fancy dress party with multiple prizes for the different ages. It would be open to 150 people maximum and will be a ticketed event. We would look to having the bar on for the event, servicing pie and peas on the evening which will be charged at cost. It is to be held on 26th October 2024 between 19:00-23:00 to not interfere with any other Halloween events in the year.

Resolved:- That the Clerk book out the hall and delegation be given to Cllr C McCartan to organise the event in line with the General Eventing budget.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/40 To discuss and consider planning for Remembrance Sunday event

The Clerk shared the document detailing the order of events for the day that has been used each year. It was agreed that we stick to the same template, and that a meeting be arranged between the Vicar, the Veterans and the council to ensure that there are no updates. Members raised that the only feedback from the previous year was the timings at 11am and that Richard should be offered to put a bar on for the event at no charge, with the encouragement for people to use the Gordon Bennett after the event.

Resolved:- That the Clerk will arrange a meeting with partners involved in the Remembrance Sunday service.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/41 To discuss and consider planning for Christmas 2024

Members wish to rebrand the Christmas light switch-on to a Winter Wonderland event. The event is proposed to take place on Saturday 30th November 2024 between 14:00-



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18:00 (depending on availability) with the switch on at 17:30pm. As part of the event members would like to book the Thurcroft Band to play, characters to walk round for the day, a snow machine, fairground, Santa and the potential for a sleigh outside. These will all be costed and in line with the budget for Christmas eventing.

Members have listened to feedback from the previous event. Public felt there wasn't a real 'switch-on' so there is a proposal to increase the lighting on the front of the Gordon Bennett through the same company we have the Christmas lights with to ensure that installation is seamless. The quote for an increase in Christmas lights will be proposed to full council.

The Christmas trees for this year;

Thurcroft – 15ft

Brampton – 10ft – with Battery operated lights x2 sets of 500 bulbs in White.

That necessary provision be put in place to stop the Christmas tree from falling in high winds.

The Christmas Card competition;

This to be changed and run from the local schools and the design winner to switch on the lights.

Rother Valley Lions Sleigh – To ask other councillors to volunteer and see if they can support further routes in Thurcroft this year.

Resolved:- That the Clerk book out the hall for the event and start to book agreed actions in line with the Christmas budget. That a further proposal be presented to full council for decision on extra Christmas lighting. That the Clerk gathers a list of volunteers and ask Rother Valley Lions whether they can support extra routes in Thurcroft. The Clerk to contact local schools across the parish closer to Christmas with the competition.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/42 To discuss and consider events for the next financial year in 2025

Resolved:- That the committee would like to consider an event including Fireworks into next years budget, and also consider funding for eventing with the Children's Capital of Culture.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.



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FE/2024/43 To discuss and consider financial support for a parishioner's trip to Blackpool
Members wished to support a local trip for parishioners to Blackpool under the Eventing budget to see the Blackpool illuminations.

Members agreed that they wished to put on an extra coach funded by the Parish Council. Quotes have already been pre-liminary gathered which would be £800 per coach.

Resolved:- That the committee support the cost of hire of a coach to support a trip for parishioners to attend the Blackpool illuminations.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/44 To discuss and consider communication for the parish council
Members discussed individual proposals for communication in the parish council.

FE/2024/45 Parish Newsletter

Resolved:- That the Parish Council will publish a newsletter for the parish in September and April each year. The Clerk will be delegated to draft a newsletter over August and for this to be circulated to members before being published in line with the cost code covering parish communication.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/46 Laughton Common

Resolved:- That Cllr C McCartan and the Clerk would investigate if Laughton Common have a Facebook group to promote communication from the parish – and to see if there is appetite for a group to be set up by local residents.

Voting:- 4 Councillors present. All councillors voted in favour.

FE/2024/47 Facebook page

Item deferred.

FE/2024/48 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting
No items were raised for inclusion at the next meeting.

FE/2024/49 To discuss and agree the date for the next Facilities and Events Committee meeting to take place on Thursday 17th October 2024

The Chair noted the date of the next meeting on Thursday 17th October at 6.30pm in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.54pm