



Minutes of the Community Engagement meeting held in the Skyrm Room on Wednesday 19th January 2022 commencing at 11am

Present: Cllr Mrs Rachel Brown (Chairman), Mr Dominic Faulkner (Vice Chairman), Cllr Craig Monks, Cllr Robin Cheeseman, Cllr Nigel Corbett, Cllr Terry Beswarick, Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Mrs Samantha Pearce (Assistant Town Clerk)

10. APOLOGIES

No Apologies were received.

11. PURPOSE STATEMENT/MISSION STATEMENT

Following on from the previous meeting it was **AGREED** that Cllr Mrs Rachel Brown, Dominic Faulkner, Cllr Craig Monks, Cllr Nigel Corbett, Christine Bright and Samantha Pearce would meet to develop a Mission Statement for the Town Council along with a rationale with the aim to present it to Full Council for further discussion.

12. SOCIAL MEDIA

Following on from the previous meeting it was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to engage a Social Media Consultant on a three month initial trial to assist Town Council Officers.

Cllr Cheeseman and Cllr Beswarick also emphasised once again the importance of getting information to those who are not on social media.

13. EVENTS PLANNER BLUEPRINT

Members noted the idea to create a blueprint for each Council led event in the town. It was hoped this would assist with organisation of the events to enable officers to spread workloads. Members also felt it was important to identify other key non-Council led events each year to avoid clashes.

14. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

It was **AGREED** to form an organising Committee for the Jubilee Celebrations. The event would not be Council led but a community initiative. Cllr Nigel Corbett from Beaminster Town Council would oversee the event along with assistance from Cllr Craig Monks. A meeting would be set up with Community Groups who had already shown an interest. Additional admin support would be available from the Council Officers however they would not be responsible for coordinating the event.

Members developed an outline of events as follows:

Thursday 2nd June: Beacon Lighting Ceremony

During the evening of Thursday 2nd June beacons would be lit across the Country to kick start the celebrations of the Queen's 70th Year as our Monarch. It was suggested that a community group/organisation such as one of the schools or The Scouts may be interested in organising this event. The Town Council had details of the type of Beacons available.

Friday 3rd June: Church Service

The Church had informed officers that they would hold a Church Service at St. Mary's to mark the occasion.

Saturday 4th June: Party at Parnham

Initial conversations with the team at Parnham House outlined ideas for a possible family afternoon hosted by Parnham House.

Sunday 5th June: Street Party in Beaminster Square

A Street Party Lunch in the Square with a band, food stalls, a bar and full road closure of the A3066. Residents could also bring their own picnics should they wish to. The event would require a First Aider and Road Marshals. It was envisaged the event would finish at 5pm.

15. HANGING BASKETS

To **NOTE** that Cllr Craig Monks had been in contact with a local supplier regarding hanging baskets for the summer. This year the theme would be red, white and blue to tie in with the Jubilee theme. It was **AGREED** that while the Town Council have ambitions towards a more elaborate floral display for the town, the resources within the Town Council meant this year's baskets would be similar to the display in 2021.

16. WEBSITE COMMUNITY PAGES

To **NOTE** the Council's Web Developer would attend the next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee to discuss ideas for the Community Pages of Discover Beaminster.

17. MEETING

The next meeting would be scheduled as necessary. The meeting ended at 1.58pm.