



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 25th May 2023 in the Skyrm Room commencing at 7.15pm

88. **PRESENT:** Cllr. Mrs Goode (Chairman), Cllr. Beswarick, Cllr. Corbett, Cllr. Monks, and Mrs Samantha Pearce (Assistant Town Clerk)
89. **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Turner.
90. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS**
No declarations of interest or dispensations were received.
91. **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 21st FEBRUARY 2023**
The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 23rd February 2023 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
92. **INFORMATION SCREEN IN THE SQUARE**
Cllr. Goode offered to replace Robin Cheeseman as the lead on this project and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Mr Kirkman to finalise this project. Mrs Pearce agreed to arrange the meeting.
93. **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**
Mrs Pearce informed members that the development of the community pages for the Discover Beaminster website was gaining pace. More photographs had been taken and the Council's Marketing Consultant had agreed to assist with providing content for the pages.
Mrs Pearce also highlighted that the Discover Beaminster social media presence had significantly improved. Cllr. Monks then took members through the statistics for Facebook and Instagram over the previous 28 day period.
94. **MONARCH TRIAL**
Following on from the previous meeting Cllr. Monks confirmed he had ordered some MDF crown templates. After discussing various ideas for the trail it was AGREED that once the templates have been received the Committee should meet again to devise the competition and discuss the decoration of the crowns.
95. **FLAGS**
Following the Coronation the Union Jack flags were still flying throughout the town. The Committee generally felt that the flags should be taken down however it was AGREED to contact Beaminster Festival to ask if they would like the flags to remain up throughout the period of the Festival.

It was AGREED to replace the Ukrainian flag in the Square. It was generally felt that flying flags from the top of the two poles in the square would be preferential and it was suggested the Town Council look into trying to install a flag pulley system for both poles.

96. EQUALITY, DIVERSION AND INCLUSION CALENDAR

The Town Council wished to recognise significant events throughout the year. After some discussion it was AGREED to seek advice from Dorset Council Communications Team.

97. THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee is scheduled for 27th July at 19.15pm.

98. THE MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 19.15 ended at 20.25.

Chairman

26th May 2023