



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 28th September 2023 in the Skyrm Room commencing at 7.00pm

- 113. PRESENT:** Cllr. Mrs Goode (Chairman), Cllr. Woods (Vice Chairman), Cllr. Beswarick, Cllr. Corbett, Cllr. Monks, and Mrs Samantha Pearce (Assistant Town Clerk)
- 114. APOLOGIES**
No apologies for absence were received.
- 115. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS**
No declarations of interest or dispensations were received.
- 116. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 15th August 2023**
The minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 15th August 2023 having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
- 117. INFORMATION SCREENS**
Mrs Pearce had made some initial enquiries relating to various display screens and costs. It was AGREED that Mrs Pearce and Cllr Woods would make further enquiries and also find suitable locations for screens in the Square. It was further AGREED that a policy should be devised relating to advertising space on the screens and promotion of local events.
- 118. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**
Mrs Pearce explained the arrangements regarding the installation of the small Christmas trees throughout the town. Teams of volunteers would assist the Council by attaching lights to the trees and it was intended for the trees to be installed week commencing 20th November.
- 119. INCLUSIVITY CALENDAR**
A copy of the calendar had been presented to members of the committee and it was AGREED to produce a 2024 version.
- 120. BEAMINSTER EARTH ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES (BEA)**
Cllr. Monks clarified that the Beaminster Earth Alliance had now disbanded and suggested that responsibility for the BEA activities were divided as follows:
Litterpick: Community Engagement
Eco information: Currently postponed
Wildlife and trees: Volunteer led
Neighbourhood Plan: Town Council Committee
- 121. BEAMINSTER BUSINESS MEETING**
Cllr Monks explained there had been no further meetings. He and Cllr. Biggs intended to arrange a meeting in the coming weeks. Cllr. Monks suggested that he would approach the businesses about Christmas late night shopping.

122. THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Engagement Committee was scheduled for 25th January 2024 at 7pm.

123. THE MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 19.00 ended at 20.45.

Chairman

23rd November 2023