

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

CIVIC HERITAGE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

10 May 2022

Minutes **Pages 1-4**

Present:
Councillors:

Alcock	
Cleeve	Taylor (Mayor) .
J Fradgley	Vos
Rolfe (Chairman)	Warren-Howles

Clerk: Civic Officer
Press: None present
Public: None

73) Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mackenzie

74) Declarations of Interest

Cllr's Alcock, Cleeve and Rolfe declared an interest in Agenda items 9.2, 9.5 and 9.6 minuted as 81, 84 and 85. Cllr Vos declared an interest in Agenda item 9.1 minuted as 85.

75) To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests

None were received.

76) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

There were no verbal requests for dispensation.

77) Public Participation

None were present.

78) To approve the draft minutes of the Civic Heritage and Events

Meeting held on 15 March 2022

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RECOMMENDED: That the draft open minutes of the Civic Heritage & Events Meeting held on 15 March, be approved as a correct record.

79) To approve the draft notes of the Market Forum sub-group held on 21 April 2022

It was Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RECOMMENDED: That as there were no members present at the last meeting of the Market Forum, therefore, the draft open notes were noted but not approved.

80) To approve the draft notes of the Website, Social-Media and Newsletter sub-group held on 5 April 2022

It was Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RECOMMENDED: That the draft open notes of the Website, Social Media and Newsletter sub-group meeting held on 5 April be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman proposed and it was AGREED that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, that Agenda item 9.1, minuted as 85, be moved to Confidential Session.

81) Mayor Making, Civic Dinner and Civic Sunday

Arrangements for Mayor Making, the Civic Dinner and Civic Sunday are in hand. Following the retirement of long-term caterers Naylor Fine Foods, NICuisine, based at the Court House in Warwick, who will be providing the Civic Dinner this year.

Due to the involvement of younger people at both Mayor Making and on Civic Sunday, soft drinks would be made available at both events.

82) Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrations

The Birthday Celebrations went off without a hitch, and seemed to be very well received by the large number watching.

It was Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RECOMMENDED: Thanks were expressed to the Civic Marshal and his team for executing such a well organised event, following an enforced gap of two years due to the Covid Pandemic.

It was further Proposed, Seconded and

RECOMMENDED: That a review regarding the Birthday Luncheon should happen at the July meeting, particularly with reference to:

- The price of tickets resulting in the inevitable exclusion of local supporters
- The possibility of arranging an alternative community event
- The Mayor's welcome at the official luncheon, which has been overlooked in recent times.

83) Platinum Jubilee update

- Jubilee Beacon

To be lit on Thursday 2 June at 9:45pm in Monument Field near the obelisk. No vehicle access, due to main access to the site being through private property. Pedestrian access via the public footpaths from the top of Maidenhead Road. Stewards will be on duty to direct observers.

- Exhibition – Queen's visits to Stratford-upon-Avon since 1952

A pictorial exhibition 'Memories of the Queen' staged by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and the RSC. Volunteers required to staff the Town Hall between 10:00am and 4:00pm which will be closed due to the Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday.

- The Party in the Park

Local schools had been invited to contribute towards the entertainment. Unfortunately, several have withdrawn due to difficulties regarding the availability of children and staff to supervise them.

Arrangements regarding the stage for the entertainment, the amplification of the event have yet to be approved. Although the original timings for the Picnic were between 2-6pm, members revised the time to 5pm.

84) Christmas Lights Switch-On 19 November

It was Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RECOMMENDED: To defer any further discussions until the Chairman, Cllr Rolfe, has had a chance to discuss the following concerns with Sam Jenkins from Magic Alley.

- Father Christmas to empty the Post box on the stage
- How long Father Christmas will be available for photographs, to avoid any disappointment.

85) Presentation regarding Weddings/Events at the Town Hall

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, Agenda item 9.1 was taken in Confidential Session.

86) Date of the Next Meeting

Tuesday, 19 July 2022 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:55pm