

Minutes of the Meeting of Hellesdon Events Committee Monday 8th January 2024, 7pm in the Council Chamber

Present at the Meeting

Cllr L. Douglass (Chairman)
Cllr R. Forder
Cllr S. Gurney
Cllr B. Johnson
Cllr S. Smith

Also in attendance

F. LeBon – Clerk, and three members of the public

The Chairman welcomed all attendees, and opened the meeting at 7pm

1. Apologies and acceptance for absence

No apologies received

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

No declarations were made or dispensations requested.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 8th November 2023 had been circulated. These were **AGREED** as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Positive feedback was reported from the senior citizens' Christmas party.

The Clerk is to follow up with The Bull with regards to the Community Fridge contribution.

4. Public Participation (as permitted by Standing Order 3.d & 5.k. xiii)

A representative from The Limes Care Home was in attendance to work with the Parish Council to improve the community connections of the care home. The home was actively involved in the scarecrow festival which was well received by the residents. Information was provided on the Friday Friends group and residents invited to attend with their carers.

5. Review of Past Events

a. Senior Citizens' Party

This was very well received and a lot of positive feedback had been received from those in attendance. It was **AGREED** that the event in 2024 should be on 7th December and that Jeff Short should be asked if he is available again. It is also to be requested if the music could be more of a Christmas theme and also designed to encourage more participation.

A discussion occurred as to how to encourage those more socially isolated to attend. It was **AGREED** to contact the surgery and pharmacy 6 weeks in advance of the advert going into Just Hellesdon, to enquire if they would be prepared to send invite applications to those on their list which they felt were socially isolated. Transport needs would be considered and accommodated where possible. The postage would be covered by the Parish Council. Cllr Smith is to bring up with the surgery as part of the PPG meeting. It was **AGREED** that The Limes could bring some residents, accompanied by carers.

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6. Update and Further Consideration for Upcoming Events.

a. Through the Decades

It was **AGREED** to launch the event through Eventbrite to make the tickets more accessible. The options for drinks to purchase were reviewed and **AGREED**. Prices would be:

- Bottled beers / ciders £4
- Spirit and mixer £3
- Wine (125ml) £2.50
- J20 £2
- Soft drink cans £1.20 (already programmed into till)

Drink prices would be displayed at the bar.

A float will be required for the bar.

The Clerk will programme some additional keys into the existing till and provide training.

Measures should be onsite, but should be purchased if unable to locate.

b. Easter Trail

Concerns were raised over the contention the age limit had at the event held in 2023. It was **AGREED** not to run an Easter Trail this year and focus on other events.

c. Drag Bingo – Consideration for a bar on Saturday 20th April 2024

The hirers for the event on 20th April were happy for the Parish Council to run a bar for this event. It was **AGREED** that a bottle bar should be run.

d. Receive Cost of Beacon

To cost of a locally fabricated beacon for D-Day 80, plus potential future commemorative events was provided at £808.50 + VAT. Lamps of Peace were also discussed. It was **AGREED** that this should be put to full council on 13th February.

e. Summer Fayre

Updates for this event will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Items for the next agenda

- Review of Through the Decades
- Updates on Summer Fayre
- Arrangements for bar for 20th April

8. To confirm the date, time and venue of the next meeting.

Monday 26th February 2024 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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