



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MARKET WEIGHTON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE**

HELD OVER ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 3rd MARCH 2021 AT 7.00PM

Committee Members: Baxter, Cary, Chicken, Curwen, King, Peaks

Clerk to the Meeting: Kevin Keller

1. TO ELECT A COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020-2021 YEAR

Proposals were invited for Committee Chairman. Cllr Chicken was **Proposed** by Cllr Curwen and **Seconded** by Cllr Cary. Cllr Chicken accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations and vote was taken and Cllr Chicken was duly elected. **RESOLVED**

2. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received and accepted from Cllr Cashin

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST – Members to declare any interest in items on the Agenda and the nature of those interest

None

4. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2020

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Cary and **Seconded** by Cllr Peaks that the Minutes were a true and accurate record. **RESOLVED**

5. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chairman asked that this be deferred until the next meeting.

6. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE YORKSHIRE DAY 2021 CELEBRATIONS

Yorkshire Day 2021 fall on Sunday, so an afternoon event was possible. Government COVID-19 restrictions permitting, it was hoped that the event would proceed this year, and plans should be in place by late May early June. Two local catering companies to be asked for menus and quotations.

7. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE REMEMBRANCE EVENTS 2021 (To include *Flags of Remembrance*)

Remembrance Day events now fall under the auspices of the Town Council rather than the Royal British Legion and would be treated as a Civic Event. The Chairman had spoken with the Vicar of All Saints Church who had agreed to hold a service at 11.00am outside the Market Weighton & Arras War Memorial Institute on Remembrance Sunday, with invitations extended to Father Standen and the Methodist Minister to participate should they so wish. Final details of the Parade would be discussed at a later meeting.

Signed by the Chairman

The Chairman asked the Committee to consider Flags of Remembrance affixed to lamp-posts along the parade route - each flag dedicated to an individual from the town who made the ultimate sacrifice. All felt the flags would make the commemoration events more meaningful and asked that the Town Enhancements & Amenities Committee consider the proposal at its next meeting.

8. TO DISCUSS REPLACEMENT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

All the cross-street decorative lights had failed in some respect during Christmas 2020, and some of the lamp-post decorations were also beginning to fail. Cllr Cary suggested making an application to the Sancton Hill Wind Farm Community Fund for a grant to replace the existing Christmas lights and add lamp-post decorations along Southgate. It was agreed that this be investigated further, and application dates brought to the next meeting. ERYC would also need to be consulted with a view to installing the necessary power supplies along Southgate.

9. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE CHRISTMAS SWITCH-ON EVENT 2021

The Christmas Switch-on Event was always popular in the town. It was agreed that the 2021 event would be held on Thursday 9th December, with a format based on previous years, but with additional attractions and market stalls.

10. TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE RELEVANT COMMITTEE ISSUES

Cllr Curwen asked if there were any plans for a Garden Competition this year. It was agreed that a summer competition should be arranged - closing date for entries 20th July, judging day 3rd August.

Cllr Baxter asked if another Art Exhibition could be arranged in the Town Hall – Cllr Hemmerman to be consulted.

Newsletter – Cllr Chicken to arrange a Summer Edition to publicise upcoming events.

As the Market Weighton Town Team was no longer operational, Cllr Chicken asked if Members felt that the Town Council should take over arranging for the town's hanging baskets. The Massey Trust would be approached for a grant to finance the watering, but the Town Council would organise all other aspects. It was agreed to make this an agenda item at the next meeting of the Town Enhancements & Amenities Committee.

Cllr Peaks asked from what date the flags would be flown along the High Street and Southgate this year. This was a decision for the Town Enhancements & Amenities Committee and would be added as an agenda item at their next meeting.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL

None

12. THE NEXT COMMUNICATIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

To be arranged

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and contributions and declared the meeting closed at **7.49pm**.