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EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 23rd January 2024** commencing at 6.00pm.

Present:

Cllr Day

Cllr Pierce

Cllr Snell

Cllr Barker

Cllr Holding

In attendance: Caroline Mulvihill

44/23 Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Cllr Barker welcomed members to the first meeting of 2024.

45/23 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Lowe, Cllr Tomlinson and Paola Armstrong Apologies accepted

Cllr Holding arrived at this point

46/23 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Barker mentioned to members that he does volunteer work with Rob Francis / H2a - including taking part in Charter Day. Members were happy for the meeting to proceed. There were no other declarations of interest received relating to items on the agenda.

47/23 To confirm the minutes from the meeting dated Tuesday 25th October 2023. Proposed by Cllr Holding, seconded by Cllr Pierce and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes of the 25th October were a true and accurate record.

Signed:

Cllr C Barker – Chairman

48/23 Matters arising from those minutes:

- Caroline confirmed she emailed PA and CM presentation to members – members expressed thanks to Paola and Caroline.
- Climate Emergency Working Group has been passed to Full Council
- Community Production budget of £2500 was agreed by P&R

49/23 Correspondence: Matters for consideration

- Cllr. Pierce requested if members could discuss the email that was sent to all E&C members but was also sent to Rob Francis by Cllr. Lowe.

Members agreed.

Following discussion members agreed that Cllr. Lowe should not have included a third party into the email. Some of the comments could be taken negatively and they were not the views of the Committee but one sole member. The question also arose around GDPR with the exchanging of internal emails externally without the knowledge or consent of fellow Councillors.

The Chair, Cllr. Barker, had already acknowledged Cllr. Lowe's email and Rob Francis' reply and members felt no further action was needed but wanted it noted that the correct procedures were not followed and this must not be repeated.

50/23 Future (fixed events)

- LW Pancake Promotion – Tuesday February 13th
It was noted that the original suggestion for an event of this kind had been made by the E&C Committee.
- LW Easter Egg Hunt – Sat 23rd March – Sat 30th March

51/23 Planning and Priorities

The budget for 2024 has been confirmed as £23,000

Members began to go through the list of proposed 2024 events:

- Schools poetry competition – members agreed that this competition should continue but would like to improve the school take up. A separate discussion with Paola was needed to identify how this could be achieved. **ACTION – Paola to update members on current procedure for the School Poetry competition.**
- Resident Poet – It was suggested that this position is made a 2 year post, extended from 1 year. Members agreed. **ACTION – Paola to speak with Nick Pearson the current resident poet.**

- Date for Christmas light switch on 2024
Members agreed that the date for the 2024 Christmas Lights would be Saturday 30th November.
Caroline mentioned that in a post-Christmas meeting with The Orbit that they had offered to be more involved in the daytime programme in the Market Square. **ACTION: Caroline to speak with Damian at the Orbit and asked for a brief overview of what they could offer including any costs.**

Cllr Snell suggested that with the Best Dressed Window Competition that it may be an idea to get the public voting for a winner. This was noted and to be discussed when at the planning stage for this competition.

52/23 Love Wellington report
This report was tabled and noted

53/23 Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 6pm

ACTIONS:

ACTION – Paola to update members on current procedure for the School Poetry competition

ACTION – Paola to speak with Nick Pearson the current resident poet to see if he would extend his post to 2 years.

ACTION: Caroline to speak with Damian at the Orbit and ask for a brief overview of what they could offer for the Christmas Lights daytime programme - including any costs.