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MINUTES OF EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2025 at CIVIC OFFICES COMMENCING at 6.00pm.

Present

Cllr Holding – Chairman	Cllr Gorse	Cllr Lowe	Cllr Snell			
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Also in attendance: Sally Themans - Love Wellington, Local Democracy reporter David Tooley and Caroline Mulvihill Deputy CEO

68/25 Welcome - Cllr Holding welcomed members to the meeting.

69/25 Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Davis and Cllr Day. The following members voted in favour of approving their apologies, Cllr Holding, Cllr Lowe and Cllr Gorse. There were no abstentions and no votes against.

70/25 Declarations of interest - No declarations were received.

71/25 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30th September 2025.
The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Gorse and she was seconded by Cllr Lowe. The following members voted in favour Cllrs, Gorse, Lowe and Holding there were no abstentions and no votes against.

72/25 Matters Arising

- **ACTION: Adrienne to obtain quotes for event security and first aid provision**
Adrienne was still awaiting quotes but confirmed that the current security provision holds first aid qualifications too. Adrienne was also becoming first aid qualified later in the year. It was suggested first aid provision would still need to be provided separately as one person can't cover two important safety roles. **ACTION: Adrienne to bring quotes back to the next E & C Meeting.**
- **ACTION: Cllr Holding to reply to Sue Pointon's email.**
Done. Casting had begun on the 'Prince of Egypt' and Sue understands the grant funding process. The cast will attend events to promote the performance – such as Mid-summer Fayre. The performance was scheduled for 26th June 2026.
- **ACTION: Sally Themans to approach businesses through the LW channel**
Sally had contacted all businesses regarding sponsorship but as yet nothing was yielded from this. It was agreed times were hard or all businesses and larger businesses such as Q-Financial should be contacted.

- **ACTION:**
Cllr Holding to write to businesses involved in recent WTC events.
Done – letters set to the Boardroom Café and the Orbit signed by both the Chairman and Mayor.
- **ACTION: Adrienne to obtain clarification on funding for this year's Park Yoga**
Caroline confirmed that a grant via T&W paid for the Park Yoga project.
ACTION: Adrienne to confirm the total amount received and to contact the organisers to see if it will run again next year.

73/25 Correspondance
None received

74/25 Love Wellington report
The report was circulated to members prior to the meeting.
Sally mentioned that the Witches of Wellington Halloween Trail was well underway with predicted footfall of over 600.
Promotions around Christmas would begin soon
The Lingen Davis walk was scheduled for 7th June and LW would be supporting this event via various promotions including a Sunflower walk.
The Sam Ryder visit to Spinning around records was a huge success.
Plans are now turning to the Flora 25 project working closely with Rob Francis.
'This is our Wellington' had been delivered to households last week and the advert for Scene magazine had been finalised.
Social Media 'views' were slightly down from 1.8 to 1.2 this month.
It was noticed that the Golden Scissors had old posters in its window – **ACTION: Adrienne to drop off new Remembrance and Christmas posters**

75/25 Lightwire Christmas Lights Report
Rob from Lightwire had kindly produced a report on the new and improved Christmas lights which was circulated prior to the meeting.
Members were grateful of the update and felt the lights this year would be spectacular.
As RGB lights had been invested in, each year they could look different and also programmed in to display fireworks simulation on NYE.
The surrounding three areas of Shawbirch, Brooklands and Arleston were also receiving improvements.
Ward funding had been received from Cllr Davis and Cllr Cook and was being requested by Cllr Holding from Cllrs Karen and Bill Tomlinson for their ward.
ACTION: Members to have further discussions on where the surrounding area events are to be held. I.e. in Shawbirch by the Spa or on the Woolpack Car park by the Christmas Tree
ACTION: Adrienne to liaise with the Woolpack if they would like to run an offer on Mulled Wine that evening
ACTION: Adrienne to contact Brooklands shops to see if they would like to make a donation to the event

76/25 Recent Events Reflection and review
Spooky Day – 84 pots of Slime made with Jon and families in 2 hours
Ghost Tours
25 attended on 18/10/25
30 booked on 28/10/25 and 29/10/25
25 booked for 30/10/25
All event sold out within hours of being promoted.

Members agreed the events were a great family attraction and with the added bonus of being educational. Cllr Snell was impressed that the 'ghost busters' had all travelled from afar to be at the event.
Thanks were given to Damien and Jon for assisting at these events making them possible.

77/25 Future Events

- **Local Christmas Lights Switch on** – all in hand and almost ready for promotion to begin
- **Flora 250** – A project working with Rob Francis to celebrate the work of William Withering and highlight Flora, and Fauna within WTC events. An initial meeting had been held and ideas were discussed on how to bring events under one umbrella all sharing the same 'logo / branding to tie them into the project.

78/25 Ideas, proposal's, and event requests for 2026/27

Cllr Holding explained that WTC wanted to go bigger and better for 2026/7 and asked members to feed in any ideas that they may have to enhance the existing events calendar. Members would like to see a 'carnival' type of event but understand that may be out of financial reach.

ACTION: Adrienne to cost up an 'all singing all dancing' carnival type of event for consideration and bring to the next meeting

79/26 Next Meeting Date – was agreed as Tuesday 25th November 2025

Chairman.....25th November 2025