

Present: Councillor Sarah Miller (Chairman)
Councillor D Eggleton (Vice Chair)
Councillor Kellie Hinton
Councillor Miss S Evans
Councillor Will Hamilton
Mr R Reed
Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk
Ms H Barnett – Town & Community Manager
Mr K Bishop – Parks Manager

Mrs Philippa Ratcliffe
Mrs Niki Schafer

APOLOGIES RECEIVED FROM:

Mayor, Councillor G Lambert (ex-officio)
Councillor Miss L M Hillier
Mr Laurence Morris – Laurence Menswear
Mrs N Taylor – Office Manager
Mr R Rodway – Living Advent Calendar
Mrs L Wisely – Mayors PA

1. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None received.

2. **MINUTES**

Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Hinton asked that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th January be amended to note the debate that was held regarding the date and format for the Christmas Festival 2019.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Philippa Ratcliffe and Mrs Niki Schafer both spoke about Christmas and then their respective events. The HBP support keeping the Christmas event on Friday 29th November which also had support from the retailers. Laurence Morris of Laurence Menswear sent a letter in support.

Proposal is to send the Christmas Festival back to T&C.

Cllr Sam Evans mentioned English Tourism Week which is March/April 2019 there is a great deal being done by Visit Britain.

4. **HENLEY EVENTS**

Henley Health & Wellbeing Day – great feedback and a commitment to do the event next year.

Eat Food Festival - The Chairman Introduced Philippa Ratcliff who is an experienced event coordinator and welcomed her to the meeting. Mrs Ratcliffe informed the meeting that she was making progress on the launch on Saturday 15 June 2019 in the Market Place, it will showcase lots local businesses and producers and would carry on with pop up events all over town for two weeks, it would be a non-ticketed event (free of charge funded by sponsorship and pitch fees) and will culminate on Mill Meadows with food, music and entertainment.

Regal Pop-Up Events to be held on Mill Meadow. Films yet to be announced.

Potential Emergency Services Day at Mill Meadow in May. Awaiting further details.

5. **HTC SUPPORTED EVENTS**

May Fayre 6 May 2019

- Same format as last year. 12noon – 5pm.
- Sponsors on board so far, Wilkins, SOHA and Penny and Sinclair.
- Celebrity Jackanory with a children's author / artist booked.
- Circus Acts to raise money for the Stroke Club.
- Fancy Dress
- Tug of War

6. **HENLEY EVENTS**

Bus Launch on Saturday 16th March

Of the new Saturday bus service

Remembrance Day – 10th November

Work with Benson on the fly past and look at position of parade with the Town Clerk. Better microphone by the choir to lead the singing.

Christmas Festival – 29th November

Look at the date and benefits of maintaining it or split. To go back to T&C.

7. **BUDGET UPDATE**

Members received an update on 2018/19 budget. Following the comments/observations below the budget was received and noted.

- The high cost of paper advertising vs Facebook advertising and the need for more cost effective design and print.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Council Chamber – 9.30am Friday 24 May 2019

Council Chamber – 9.30am Friday 13th September 2019

The meeting closed at 10.30am

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