



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of Events Committee Meeting 4th October 2022

held at Rhuddlan Community Centre

Present:

Cllr Mike Elgin (Mayor)
Cllr Mike Kermode (Deputy Mayor)
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Cllr Val Simmons
Town Clerk
Ffion White – Bespoke Events

1. Apologies

Paul Smith – Assistant Clerk

The following members of the public were in attendance:

Selwyn Thomas, Roy Price, Gillian Price, Rev. Jayne Coxall, Sue Butterworth and Keith Riley

2. Declaration of Interest

None given

3. Election of Chairperson

Cllr Mike Kermode was nominated by Cllr Mike Elgin and seconded by Cllr Val Simmons and approved. **Resolved**

4. Rhuddlan Gwledd-Fest

Cllr Kermode confirmed the 5th food festival will be taking place on Saturday 20th May 2023 and the council are taking ownership of the organisation. The new contract with Bespoke Fitness & Events was shared, the cost of entry increases to £2 for adults and the estimated cost of the event is £3,000. Cllr Roberts reminded the committee that as much as possible needs to be bilingual. Cllr Kermode proposed and Cllr Roberts seconded the acceptance of the contract (See appendix 1), approved by committed. **Resolved.**

Entertainment was discussed and would include Ysgol Y Castell singing and dancing, the bilingual magician (£250 all day), Wee bag band (£600 for the afternoon) and the Dyffryn

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Divas (£150 all day). In addition, a local group who practice in the Community Centre called Muddy Boots will be asked if they want to participate. Cllr Kermode proposed and Cllr Elgin seconded that we accept the entertainment proposal, approved by committee. **Resolved.**

The use of a stage was discussed and very options identified. 55 Exhibitors have booked and 24 paid so far. Cllr Roberts also thanked Cllr Kermode and ex Cllr Andy Smith for their hard work organising the last 4 events. Cllr Simmons asked whether local charity stalls would be free of charge and Cllr Kermode confirmed that this would be the case.

5. Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk run through the timetable for the day which starts with assembly of participants at 1000 at the Community Centre, 1035 parade to St Mary's Parish Church, 1050 Service commencement, 1150 parade return to the Community Centre for the laying of the wreaths followed by refreshments at 1230. Refreshments are being provided free of charge by the Community Centre. Cllr Roberts was asked to sing Calon Lan at the Memorial. The Parade Master role remains unfilled and Keith Riley has a candidate in mind and will confirm by the end of next week if he is available and willing. Cllr Elgin has an alternative whom will be contacted if required.

The Clerk to ask the Rhyl band for a bugler, confirm Barry Mee will take the photos and prepare a press release to send on the Sunday afternoon to the Rhyl Journal.

6. Community Christmas Carols around the tree

The Clerk explained the concept which involved putting up a tree in the Community Centre car park, singing Carols around the tree, followed by Father Christmas arriving to give children under 11 a small gift from his grotto whilst tea, coffee, squash, mulled wine and mince pies are served on the Centre. Everyone in Rhuddlan will be invited and the event is envisaged to last from 1700-1830.

Selwyn Thomas agreed that there were safety issues regarding holding the event in the High Street and welcomed the idea of having it in the Community Centre area.

It was suggested to hold the event on Sunday 18th December and the event is fully supported by the Community Centre. It was suggested that Rotary are asked to bring Santa to the event and Cllr Simmons said the committee should ask local business for donations of mince pies etc. Rev. Jayne Coxall said a snow machine would be fun whilst Cllr Roberts identified an opportunity for a bucket collection for the Mayor's charities (Community Centre and St Mary's Church). Cllr Kermode proposed we go ahead, seconded by Cllr Simmons and agreed by the committee. **Resolved.** The Clerk was given a £1,000 budget and will come up with proposals at the next meeting.

7. Future Items

The Coronation of King Charles next year was briefly discussed and it was agreed that the committee needed to start making plans. Clerk requested to get costs and availability of a large marquee for 2nd or 3rd June next year.

8. Date of Next Meeting – 8th November 2022 at the Community.

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