



Cyngor Tref
Rhuddlan
Town Council

Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Events Committee Meeting 15th May 2023

Held at Rhuddlan Community Centre

Face to Face and Virtual Meeting

Present:

Cllr Mike Kermode (Chair)
Cllr Val Simmons
Cllr Ivor Beech
Cllr Mike Elgin
Cllr Arwel Roberts
Town Clerk
Clerical Assistant/Minute Clerk

Paul Edwards and Ffion White from Bespoke Events were present.

1. Apologies

Several community groups had sent their apologies.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Mike Elgin and Cllr Arwel Roberts for Rhuddlan Bowls Club.

3. Minutes

The previous meeting Minutes had been approved by Full Council on 11th May 2023.

4. Progress from Minutes

The flag poles at Rhuddlan Castle were flying on the coronation weekend and are still operative.

Coronation bunting on the footbridge (castle side) have been taken down as they are broken in several places. The others will remain until after the Gwledd Fest. **Resolved.**

Admirals Field bunting will be removed by Town Council. **Resolved.**

There are four Gwledd Fest banners already erected and a board at Ash Motors.

The Community Centre will be open from 7.00am for the Gwledd Fest.

Cllr Ivor Beech has agreed to collect the bales from the supplier and deliver them to site at around 9.30am

Cllr Arwel Roberts will lead the stall holders to park their vehicles at the school car parking area and Bespoke Events will be erecting directional signs to it.

5. Coronation Weekend Review

The committee heard that the church service and picnic were not attended by as many people as had been anticipated, however it had been a success.

The bowls club reported a successful day but received no entrants for the fancy dress competition. They noted that the Dragons FC activities brought a lot of people who purchased food from the bowls club BBQ.

It was noted that the allotment scarecrow competition only received two entrants.

This led the committee to think that competitions were not favoured by residents and so we should look at alternative activities for future events. Perhaps a magician's tent would prove better value and perhaps the school might get involved in the competitions. The Rhyl marching band was well received and should be considered in the future. It was agreed that the band receive a donation of £100.

Overall, the weekend cost the Town Council between £4k and £4.5k, including the costs of the bunting, and it was felt that this was good value for money. Although there was some wet weather on the Monday there were lots of people attending the Sunday and Monday events producing an excellent community atmosphere.

The success of the weekend showed that Council sponsorship of local organisations' events was productive. The potential for sponsoring a "Community Fun Day" of events on the field in the mid-summer of 2024 would be discussed at a later meeting.

It was noted that not all Councillors were participating in these events and it was hoped that the situation would improve in the future because it does provide them with a great opportunity to engage with residents of Rhuddlan.

6. Gwledd Fest

Cllr Kermode welcomed Ffion and Paul from Bespoke Events and informed the meeting that this year's Gwledd Fest was the 7th one and that he was looking forward to building on the success of the recent coronation weekend's events.

Ffion explained that 45 stalls had booked places, of which 31 were food stalls. There had been some that had dropped out since the last meeting and some might not yet turn up on the day. The entertainment is very similar to last year so should prove successful. Menter Iaith had not yet said what they were doing but would be attending.

The music will start at 10am, the opening by the Mayor will be at 10.45am, followed by the school choir at 11am.

There was a small concern that a skip currently located in Parliament St might be used as a litter bin by those attending and it was agreed to speak to the contractors about this.

There then followed a discussion on various electric supply requests by stall holders who might need generators or use the community centre outside power supplies. The Clerk will take a meter reading before and after the event to assist with this.

The bands will require two gazebos and the first aid provision has been booked. The collection buckets are in hand and the street vending licence has been applied for. There was no provision for disabled parking other than on local streets.

It was noted that stall holders cannot leave till 4pm and must be gone by 5pm.

There was short discussion on the use of cash or cards which needs to be progressed at a future meeting of the committee but for now, if someone refuses to pay the £2 entrance fee, they will be allowed to pass for free.

7. New Applications for Support

None received

The next Events Committee meeting is to held on Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm

