



Rhuddlan Town Council – Minutes of the Events Committee meeting on 24th January 2023

Held at Hwb Rhuddlan

Present:

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

There were also several representatives from Rhuddlan's voluntary community groups; namely: Dragons F.C., Rhuddlan Allotments Association, Rhuddlan Bowling Club, Rhuddlan Community Centre, Rhuddlan Friendship Club and St. Mary's Church.

Also present were the Manager from Rhuddlan Spar and Mr. Selwyn Thomas.

The Chair welcomed all those present, inviting them to introduce themselves. He said that this was an open meeting which gave local groups and organisations the opportunity to discuss any future events they may be considering and offering Town Council financial support, where needed, to make the events happen successfully. The Council does not have the resources and skills to organise a range of community events itself but it is eager to support the work by voluntary community groups for the benefit of the town.

1. Apologies

Brian Taylor, and Rhuddlan Men's Shed, however both said they are keen to help with any events.

2. Declaration of Interest - None

3. Potential Events

King's Coronation – The Chair listed the national events that have been announced by Buckingham Palace. Saturday May 6th will be Coronation Day with King Charles III being crowned officially along with the Kings Consort, a service in Westminster Abbey, and formal processions in London. Sunday 7th May is being seen as the Big Lunch event to encourage communities to share food and fun together, along with a concert and light show at Windsor

Castle in the evening. Monday 8th May is to be considered as the Big Help Out Day whereby voluntary groups can showcase what they do and invite people to try volunteering.

It was noted that there was an error in the start time published in the Parish and Community Magazine. The meeting had started at 7pm and not 7-30pm as shown in the magazine, however, the various groups were aware of the correct start time.

At this point the representatives from the various groups were invited to give details of the events they were proposing, especially for the coronation weekend and to comment on any ways that the town centre can be suitably decorated for the event.

3.1. Town Centre – it was felt that there should be flags and decorations along Rhuddlan High Street and for individual streets to consider holding their own street parties, if they so wished. There was reminder for groups to consider disabled inclusion and special needs at their events where possible.

3.2 Friendship Club and the Community Centre – will be organising a Big Lunch for the Sunday afternoon with a best dressed competition, a best crown competition, and potentially a maypole event. Tickets will be sold for around 50 people for the buffet.

3.3 Allotment Society – nothing confirmed yet but eager to participate.

3.4 Bowling Club – will be holding fun games for children in the morning of Monday 8th May and a fun bowling event for adults in the afternoon. BBQ catering for around 150 people for which funding support will be required. There will also be a raffle for a signed Welsh football shirt along with donations of prizes from local businesses. They have liaised with Dragons F.C. already on how they can best work together.

3.5 Dragons F.C. – an idea to book an inflatable football pitch and a large inflatable dart board for some fun events along with a raffle for some replica shirts. A bouncy castle is also being investigated along with the provision of other sports inclusion e.g., rounders and dodge ball.

3.6 St Mary's Church – Sunday May 7th a joint celebratory service with Bodelwydden church at 10.30am

3.7 Rhuddlan Castle – the town council will have discussions with CADW to ensure the castle is involved in some way over the weekend, particularly in respect to flag flying and illuminating the castle walls.

3.8 Other Ideas – several were mentioned and discussed that may yet come to fruition. These were Rhyl Raptors disabled basketball team, Rhyl Rugby Club, Carnival Queen event, knitted flower cascade, calendar project of Rhuddlan views, biggest marrow competition, and the use of the allotment society's new electric points for groups that might need them.

It was asked if support was available to any local businesses. The answer was no because the support is aimed at supporting local voluntary groups and organisations with their events during the year.

4. Next Steps

The Chair said that there was the opportunity for groups and organisations to come forward with more ideas for other events throughout the year. This can be done by completing a short application form which can be sent to the Town Clerk and copies of the form were circulated at the meeting.

Bids for support for events in connection with the King's Coronation should be made by mid-February and will be considered at the next meeting of the Events Committee.

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