



BROADSTAIRS & ST. PETER'S
TOWN COUNCIL

LEISURE AND TOURISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 March 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: Cllrs Bailey, Garner, Rawf, D. Saunders, M. Saunders

Officer: Kirsty Holroyd, Town Clerk

568. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason were received and accepted from Cllrs R Binks and R.K Binks

569. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

570. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 November 2022

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting by the chairman.

**571. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA
none**

572. BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Members received the report from the Finance Officer updating them on bookings for the season. It was noted that extra monies have been added to the new budget to cover additional events to mark the Platinum Jubilee. Members were pleased to see that extra bookings had been made for Saturday afternoons and wondered whether mid-week evening events over the summer might also be well-received.

RESOLVED: That a full list of bookings and fees be presented at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting so that a decision can be made on how best to allocate the extra funds.

Councillors noted that additional events were also being put on by TDC but that some of these, at Victoria Gardens, were running at the same time as Town Council events. The Town Clerk will endeavour to reinstate good communications with the Events team to ensure events can run harmoniously.

Councillors were particularly pleased to see the return of Punch and Judy shows this season.

573. PLATINUM JUBILEE

Members received an update from the Events and Bookings Manager outlining the risks of holding an event on June 6.

RECOMMENDATION: That the decision to hold a Big Lunch be overturned.

The Town Clerk reported that according to TDC's Health and Safety Officer, the beacon at Victoria Gardens would not be safe for lighting to mark the jubilee in its current location. However she was waiting for a written report which might suggest alternatives.

Members discussed other ways of marking the jubilee including small tokens to be given to school children. All agreed to give it some thought.

Members also discussed the installation of a large planter at Pierremont Hall to be planted up in red, white and blue to mark the jubilee.

RESOLVED: This item to be moved onto the Environment Subcommittee agenda for consideration.

574. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION

i) Christmas Lights for St Peter's

All agreed St Peter's would benefit from additional lights but it was difficult to know where was suitable and would have most effect.

RESOLVED: To ask Millenium to visit and survey the area in order to offer advice.

ii) St Peter's roundabout

Members discussed planting options

RESOLVED: To request that planting consist of well maintained turf and bulbs (crocuses, daffodils and tulips) to be planted to provide low maintenance perennial colour.

iii) Access to Viking Bay beach for wheelchair users via Harbour Street

RESOLVED:

- **That a site meeting take place to look at the steps around the Pavilion and any other successes which could be improved.**
- **That TDC be asked once again to improve the decking on the beach to ensure wheelchair users can get all the way across the sand.**

iv) Toilet availability around town

Members noted that the meeting had not yet taken place between the town and District Council so no-one was aware of what the proposal is going to be. Members also noted that the toilets at the southern end of the bay are not accessible whilst those at the harbour end are. It therefore makes sense to work on making the northern end of the bay

accessible to wheelchairs rather than the southern.

v) Potential for extra waste collection and street cleaning

All agreed the ambition to employ a person with a van to reduce litter around the town is still universally held. Members discussed whether the vehicle could be kept in TDC's depot at Pierremont Avenue.

vi) State of Victoria Gardens

Members discussed whether the gardens were looking in good order and decided that they may not be looking as good as usual but this is probably due to the fact that they are midway between the bedding plants being removed and the perennials being planted.

vii) Commercial markets at Victoria Gardens

Members expressed disappointment that a commercial market was being held at the site at Victoria Gardens over the Platinum Jubilee weekend. This reinforces the point that TDC must discuss bookings with the Town Council since local people often have ideas of things they wish to put on.

viii) Viking Bay Lift

Cllr Bailey had requested that this item be included on the agenda but Cllr R Binks has asked that it be considered by the Community Assets Committee. There was no further information to share at this meeting.

ix) Graffiti on the cliffs

This item had been included following a comment from a member of the public at the Town Assembly. Cllr Saunders reminded those present that TDC will remove graffiti from their own property if informed and from any property if the content is abusive or religious in nature. He also said he would make enquiries as to whether graffiti removal could be incorporated into an algae removing contract.

The Town Clerk had several additional items to put before Council

575. Use of Pierremont Hall carpark for parking and set up of horses and carriage for Dickens Festival.

RESOLVED: The Dickens Festival may use the car park for a nominal fee (£50 - to be waived this year) provided they can be accommodated alongside the other commercial bookings at the Hall. The Events and Bookings Manager will be asked to facilitate this.

576. Nuckles garden

A representative of the Dickens Fellowship had attended the Town Council Offices explaining the Fellowship which has the license to use the gardens did not have sufficient funds to plant up the space now that it has been properly cleared by TDC gardeners.

RESOLVED: That as well as applying for a Broadstairs in Bloom grant, the group approach the Town Team gardening group in case they have any cuttings or left over plants themselves.

577. Chamber of Commerce Christmas event

The Chamber has been allocated a grant of £1500 for the Christmas market to be held at Pierremont Hall. The Clerk had been asked whether the usual booking fee applied or was the grant to be used for this purpose.

RESOLVED: That the Events and Bookings Manager meet with a representative of the Chamber of Commerce to establish a way of balancing their budget.

578. Before the meeting closed Cllr Ruth Bailey asked if any clarity could be given as to who was responsible for repairing the tannoy at Viking Bay. She had learned that Your Leisure owns the Microphone and amplifiers but that TDC owns the cabling. Members discussed whether the tannoy was actually needed. More research to be done before anyone will offer to repair it.

**579. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
TBC**

Meeting closed at 20.30

Signed _____

Date _____