

WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL
A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE WAS
HELD ON MONDAY 27TH JANUARY 2025 AT 6PM

PRESENT

Councillors McCarthy, Hodson, Jackson and Scott.

Clerk: S. Cooper

EVE/72/2024 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Crouch and Cllr Greenup

EVE/73/2024 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS EVENTS MEETING

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September – **AGREED.**

EVE/74/2024 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS

None

EVE/75/2024 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

EVE/76/2024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

EVE/77/2024 SEPTEMBER EVENT

The Assistant Clerk informed the committee that a bowls tournament is scheduled at Wigton Park Bowling Club on Saturday, 30th August, meaning *Party in the Park* cannot take place on that date.

It was also noted that securing enough volunteers for events has been an ongoing challenge. The committee discussed the possibility of allocating funds to hire staff on event days as a more sustainable solution for future events.

The committee discussed reallocating a portion of the event's budget to support Wigton Rugby Club in hosting an event or multiple events, instead of holding our own event.

A suggestion was made to organise a Gala Day and incorporate it into the VE Day celebrations.

The Assistant Clerk will contact the Chairman of Wigton Rugby Club to discuss their plans for events.

EVE/78/2024 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The committee discussed the inclusion of rides targeted at older children, such as waltzers, to cater to a wider audience. Various options should be explored to ensure the event appeals to all age groups.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY** agreed that the Christmas event will be held on Saturday, 29th December.

The assistant clerk will contact agencies regarding the possibility of securing a minor celebrity to perform. Additionally, discussions will take place with John Peel Theatre to explore their potential involvement, including the possibility of hosting a show.

Committee members agreed to grant the office more control over event bookings to allow for better planning, improved scheduling, and the ability to secure higher-quality attractions.

Enquiries can be made about hiring the car park if Cumberland Council is unable to provide it free of charge for the day, with the aim of securing the same section as last year. The possibility of changing the event layout, including positioning the stage on the car park, was also discussed.

It was suggested to contact the Old Fire Station for insights on securing high-quality acts.

Meeting closed 7:12pm

Date of next meeting: 24th February 2025