

LYDNEY TOWN COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 2023/01/16 – 01

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held in Council Chambers, Claremont House, Lydney on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors T Saunders (Vice Chair), C Harris and E Taylor.

L Addis (Minutes)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors S Holmes, R Holmes and A Harley.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17th October 2022 were not in the usual format but were confirmed as an accurate transcript, following a Proposal from the Vice Chair. Seconded by Cllr Harris. Record of Voting: For – 3 Against – 0.

4. **OPEN FORUM**

There were no members of the public present.

5. **COMMITTEE BUDGET**

Budget allocations for 2023 events were unanimously AGREED as follows –

£250,00 for Easter.

£5000,00 for the Coronation Event – further funding may become available nearer the time which Cllr Saunders will source and apply for.

£1000,00 agreed as a contribution to the Community Event to be held in Bathurst Park.

£3500,00 for Christmas.

£2500,00 for Art Event activities.

6. **ALLOTMENT RENT**

It was noted that the current allotment charges were currently 60 pence per metre and that allotments are run at a cost to the council including administration costs. With the current rise in prices it was AGREED to implement an increase to 75 pence per metre from 1/4/23 with the Assistant Finance Officer notifying Allotment holders accordingly (current concessions will still apply). Proposed by Cllr Saunders and Seconded by Cllr Taylor. Unanimously agreed.

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7. EVENTS

- (i) Cllr Saunders proposed renaming this years Christmas Event and to look at an alternative starting point for the Parade due to the logistical problems experienced at last years event starting at Hamms Road. It was agreed that timings would be kept the same as it was felt that a later start time would make it too cold for children. A Friday was agreed as the best day to hold the event due to the extra help needed from the Grounds team for set up. Proposed dates of Friday 24th November or Friday 1st December – Assistant Clerk to contact local Councils, the Community Centre and Town Hall to ensure that dates don't clash. Cllr Taylor suggested involving local schools to produce Art works for the event, Cllr Saunders acknowledged this and will provide a Full proposal at the next Amenities meeting in April.
- (ii) It was noted that residents will watch the Kings Coronation on television so a Sunday event would be more appropriate The Committee AGREED Sunday 7th May and Monday 8th May for the Kings Coronation Event . The location is to be at Bathurst Park with live music, food vendors, local traders and patriotic activities on the 7th May, Cllr Harris also proposed the possibility of hiring a Majorette band. The Coronation event to be held on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May to include brass bands on the bandstand . Cllr Saunders to provide a Full Proposal at the next Full Council meeting in February.
- (iii) Cllr Saunders suggested that a Coronation Event and Party in the Park would be possible due to time scales and funds are available for both events. It was proposed that Party in the Park would be held on 22/7/23, this will need to be agreed at the next Bathurst Park Recreation Trust meeting on 30/1/23.

8. GRASSED VERGE OUTSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Cllr Saunders gave an update stating that the Chair Cllr S Holmes will follow up progress with Greener Gloucestershire, Ms S Noon this week as we are yet to receive the cherry trees and will update the head Groundsman accordingly.

9. BENCHES ON HIGHFIELD AND BREAM ROAD

Cllr Saunders reported that we are still awaiting confirmation from Gloucestershire County Council for permission to install the benches. Town Clerk to check progress and to confirm specific locations.

10. COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

Cllr Saunders reported that there is no progress yet with Primrose Hill School who are looking into setting up an edible landscape for school and community use due to the the last meeting being postponed. There is also a delay in funding being obtained for this project. A further meeting with Chair Cllr S Holmes and Primrose Hill School is to go ahead in due course.

It was reported that the proposed site at Centurion Way is still awaiting Forest of Dean District Council pre-planning assessment . Cllr S Holmes to forward further information regarding this to the Assistant Clerk to follow up.

An alternative site is being considered to Primrose Hill (The Mesne) and is under investigation pending meetings with interested parties.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS

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There were no Councillors reports to be received.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 17th April 2023

Meeting ended at 19.52pm

Chair

Date

