

**KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held at 6pm on Thursday 14th March 2024
in the Kidderminster Room, Wyre Forest House**

Present:

Councillor N.Gale (Chair)
Councillor R.Bishop (Vice Chair)
Councillor D.Hine
Councillor B.Hopkins
Councillor M.Rayner

Hugh Peacocke, Chief Executive
Laura Thomas, Deputy Town Hall Manager

Absent:

Councillor T.Muir

E017/23-24 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor S.Miah

E018/23-24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

E019/23-24 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

E020/23-24 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 18th January 2024.

E021/23-24 **COMMITTEE BUDGET EXPENDITURE**

Members noted that the overspend on Remembrance Sunday would be taken to the next Finance and Overview Committee on Wednesday 10th April 2024.

E022/23-24 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2023**

Members noted that supply and installation of Christmas Lights falls under the functions of the Services Committee and that the reduction in supply costs for 2023 is currently being calculated by our provider and will be reported at the next Services Committee.

E023/23-24 CIVIC AND MAYORAL EVENTS

Members noted the summary of the Civic and Mayoral Events.

The Committee discussed the possibility of the current Events Committee becoming the Civic and Events Committee allowing them to have more involvement in Civic Mayoral Events and the role and Job Description of Mayor. This is to be raised at the next Events Committee Meeting.

E024/23-24 PUBLIC BODIES

RESOLVED: that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the following item as confidential financial information would be discussed.

E025/23-24 COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANT FUNDING FROM WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Members considered applications to the remainder of the Community Events Grant Funding from Wyre Forest District Council (£8,219.83).

RESOLVED: Members awarded the grants to the following organisations to support community events in Kidderminster:

| Group/Applicant | Amount |
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| Kidderminster District Youth Trust | £427 |
| Offmore Primary School | £427 |
| Kidderminster Male Choir | £849.83 |
| Comberton Primary School | £250 |
| St Peter's Community Church | £427 |
| St George's Church | £427 |
| Kidderminster Elim Church | £250 |
| Offmore and Comberton Action Group (OCAG) | Borrington Bash: £927 Halloween Disco: £250 Meet Santa: £250 |
| Kidderminster Choral Society | £652 |
| Friends of Springfield Park | £652 |
| Harkaway Scout Group | £427 |

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| Museum of Carpet | Reuniting Retired Town Residents: £225 Sheep Trail: £175 |
| Friends of Broadwaters Park | £652 |
| SEN Station | £652 |
| Berrington Court (Community Housing) | £300 |

E016/23-24 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the D-Day 80th Anniversary. It was agreed a Lamp Light of Peace be purchased in connection with this celebration and this can be used at the next Remembrance Day Event. Councillors considered and agreed that a proclamation be made by the Town Crier, with the playing of bagpipes prior and following the announcements at St Mary’s Church, Kidderminster. Times are to be in line with National Guidelines Proclamation and Bagpipes at 8.00am, Bell Ringing is to take place as part of the ‘World Ringing Out for Peace’ at 6.30pm, followed by a second Proclamation before the lighting of the Lamp Light of Peace which is to be lit at 8.15pm to coincide with lamps being lit on Utah, Omaha, Juno and Sword Beaches in Normandy, France.

Meeting closed 8.35pm