



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 5th December 2018
10.30am to 11.25am

Panel members present:

Councillor Linda Edwards-Shea
Councillor Ken Fernandes
Councillor Jan Mathieson
Councillor Francesca Richards (Panel Lead)
Councillor Adrian Snookes
Councillor David Suiter

Meeting and Panel supported by an Administration Officer (SG) and Deputy Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

2. Christmas Market

Councillor Richards spoke about the recent Sleaford Christmas Market event that had been held, which had been organised by Councillors, Council staff and two volunteers. There has been a lot of positive feedback received about the event, with many traders wishing to book for 2019 already. Councillor Richards thanked the Councillors who helped in the Town Hall on the day and confirmed that the two volunteers wish to be on board next year. Councillor Richards also expressed her thanks to the Administration Officer (SG) for all her work and involvement and for going above and beyond her duties. A full debrief meeting will take place on Monday 17th December 2018 at 10.00am, in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Richards reminded the Panel about the Valentine's Craft Market that will be taking place in the Town Hall on Saturday 2nd February 2019, from 10am to 3pm. Advertising has started for this event and has generated interest.

3. Report from the meeting held on 17th October 2018

The report was noted.

Councillor Richards informed the Panel that the Finance and Strategy Panel were discussing Town Hall room hire fees and concessions. Once this has been finalised, Rainbow Stars, who wish to hold a charity coffee morning in the Town Hall in 2019, can be informed of the concession rate. This event request will then be revisited by the Panel and Full Council.

Councillor David Suiter arrived at the meeting at 10.35pm.

4. Culture and Heritage Forum Minutes

Councillor Mathieson informed the Panel that she had attended a recent Culture and Heritage Forum meeting at the NCCD. Good relationships have been built up with NCCD, NKDC, Lincs Inspire, the Library etc and it would be good for those groups and the Town Council to support each other with exhibitions and themed events. The Panel all agreed with this and look forward to working with the groups in the future.

5. Correspondence

A letter of thanks was received from HART, a local animal charity, for the money donated to them from the Charity Bingo Nights which are held at the Town Hall. Councillor Mathieson informed the Panel that the Bingo Nights are run by volunteers and all money raised at the Bingo Nights is for charity.

Two other charities were given a donation also and dates for 2019 will soon be published.

6. Future Events

Outdoor Cinema Event - Councillor Richards informed the Panel that the outdoor cinema company who the Town Council hired in September for the cinema event, had been in touch to ask whether the Council would like to hold another event in 2019. The Panel all agreed that one or two cinema events at the Recreation Ground would be desirable and an event licence could be applied for to maximise the amount of people permitted into the event.

Recommendation: that Full Council agree in principle to two outdoor cinema events taking place at Boston Road Recreation Ground in 2019.

Steam Punk Event – the Panel received a report from Councillor Melody Shanahan-Kluth, which had been passed to Councillor Richards, regarding a recent informal meeting that had been held with the Sleaford Steam Punk group. Discussion took place on holding an event in town, with a procession, a Victorian Market, best dressed competition and possibly tying in one of the outdoor cinema events with the event, with an appropriate film. Councillor Richards asked that this item be put onto the next Culture Panel agenda.

1940s Day – Councillor Snookes informed the Panel that the member of the public who used to organise the Rauceby War Weekend would be willing to help advise on the Town Council's 1940 day event. General discussion took place on ideas for this event. Councillor Richards asked that this item be put onto the next Culture Panel agenda.

7. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th January in the Town Hall, at 10.30am.

The Christmas Market de-brief meeting will take place on Monday 17th December in the Town Hall, at 10.00am.

The meeting finished at 11.25am.