



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 9th January 2019
10.30am to 11.30am

Panel members present:

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jan Mathieson.

2. Report from the meeting held on 5th December 2018

The report was noted.

3. Valentine's Market to be held on 2nd February 2019

The Panel received an update from Administration Officer (SG) as to the stall bookings, attractions and entertainment that had been taken for the event. Thanks were given to Administration Officer (SG) for all her hard work in organising the event. The Panel noted that the event had been widely advertised and were informed that the local newspapers were also running an article about it. The Panel decided that the Services Team would not be needed on the day and a rota for Councillors would be distributed. The Councillors Surgery falls on the same day as the event and it will be held in the conservatory on this occasion.

4. Outdoor Cinema Events in 2019

After discussion, the Panel asked that the cinema company who were used for the 2018 cinema event be approached to ask whether they would be available on Saturday 31st August and Saturday 14th September. The Panel also discussed obtaining an event licence which would allow more people into the events. It was requested that the Kiosk be asked if they would like to participate again and also source one or two hot food providers. This item to be put on the next Panel agenda.

5. 1940's Event

Councillor Snookes informed the Panel of the dates of the 1940s events in Woodhall Spa and Lincoln and suggested that perhaps the Sleaford event could tie in with the Sleaford Classic Car Show on 7th September. Councillor Snookes suggested that the event could held during the daytime, outside the Town Hall and include the shops by asking them to decorate their windows in a 1940s theme. Other suggestions put forward were a picnic outside the Town Hall, with tables put in a line for people to sit at, which would be in a street party style, singers, food demos, participation of local schools and a possible evening event at the Carre Arms. This item to be put onto the next Panel agenda.

6. Steampunk Event

Discussion took place regarding this event and all agreed that it would be better to include Steampunk at one of the Council's established events, such as the Christmas Market. The Panel agreed that Councillor Richards take this idea to the next Christmas Market Group meeting.

7. Sleaford Town Awards

The Panel all agreed that the past Sleaford Town Awards events had worked very well and were keen to work with the same local newspaper again on the event. The date of Thursday 25th April 2019 was put forward for the event.

Recommendation: that Sleaford Town Awards be held again in 2019 with the local newspaper company, with a suggested date of Thursday 25th April.

8. Correspondence

The Clerk reminded the Panel that an anonymous donor had given £1000 to be put towards events for the town and that the cinema event had made a good surplus. All agreed that the events held in 2018 had done very well and had been great publicity for the Town Council.

9. Future Events

Councillor Richards put forward holding the free St George's Day Market on Saturday 27th April. Councillor Suiter suggested that William Shakespeare be incorporated into the event as he was born on and died on St George's Day.

Councillor Richards also put forward holding the free St Denys' Day Market on Saturday 12th October.

Recommendation: that the free St George's Day Market and St Denys' Day Markets be held on the dates suggested.

Both events to be put on the next Panel meeting agenda.

Discussion followed about holding an outdoor theatre event. Councillor Richards said that she would speak to a local theatre company and this item to be put on the next Panel agenda.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th February 2019 in the Town Hall, at 10.30am.

A Valentine's Market -pre-brief meeting will take place on Monday 28th January in the Town Hall, at 10.30am.

The meeting finished at 11.30am.