



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 18th June 2018
10.30am to 11.45am

Panel members present:

Councillor Stephanie Dale
Councillor Linda Edwards-Shea
Councillor Ken Fernandes
Councillor Jan Mathieson
Councillor Francesca Richards
Councillor Adrian Snookes

Meeting and Panel supported by the Office Manager

1. Election of Lead for the Panel for 2018/2019

Councillor Richards was elected as the Lead Councillor for the Culture, Events and Markets Panel, for 2018/19.

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

3. St Denys' Day Market and Harvest Celebration on 13th October 2018

Councillor Richards gave a summary of the event and plans to the new Panel members. The Market will run from 9am to 3pm, in the same format as the previous year. Local Schools to be contacted to ask whether they wish to perform on the day.

4. Ideas for Special Markets and Promotion

Discussion took place about specialised future Markets, including an International Food Market, which could coincide with a Farmers Market in 2019. The Panel decided that due to several events already planned for the rest of 2018, such as the Bingo Nights, Coffee Mornings, Try Something New Day, the Car Boot Sales, St Denys' Day Market, Outdoor Cinema Night and the Christmas Market, that this was plentiful for the Panel to be organising and a calendar of proposed events for 2019 would be put together at the next Panel meeting.

Councillor Edwards-Shea put forward an idea of Councillors visiting Brigg Market for ideas, due to it now being run very successfully.

5. Electrical Power and Generators in the Market Place for Traders

Discussion took place about the possibility of providing electricity and generators in the Market Place for Traders. Providing generators would not be possible due to the cost and storage reasons. The Market Place is not under the ownership of the Town Council, therefore to provide electric would not be possible. Discussion took place regarding using the electric supply from the trees (which is used for the Christmas lights), but after clarification from the Clerk, due to the Town Council not having a power or water supply at the site, the power required for the Christmas Lights is taken, by agreement, via temporary overhead cabling from either the streetlights or St Denys' Church.

6. Outdoor Cinema Event

Councillor Richards gave a summary of the event, to update the new Panel members. Councillor Snookes informed the Panel that he has arranged a local company to provide a light show on the night. It was noted that the tickets were selling well and there has been lots of enthusiasm for the event from the public

7. Sleaford Town Guide

This item was deferred to the next meeting, in order to wait for the proofs from the publishers.

8. NABMA Membership

After discussion, it was agreed that a year's membership with NABMA (National Association of British Market Authorities) would be taken out, at a cost of £318.00 plus VAT and it to be reviewed in a year's time.

Recommendation to Full Council: that a year's membership to NABMA be purchased.

9. NCCD Christmas Market

Information was received for noting only, that the marquee for the NCCD Christmas Market would be set up on Friday 7th December in Eastgate Car Park and that the event would run through until Sunday 9th December. The Panel agreed that they would approach NCCD again to ask for a joint date in 2019.

10. Freedom of Sleaford for RAF Digby in 2019

The Panel noted the letter from RAF Digby, accepting the offer of the Freedom of Sleaford. RAF Digby to be asked of a suitable day and month for the formal parade and the Panel will then progress with the joint plans.

11. Correspondence

No correspondence to discuss.

12. Future Events

Councillor Richards informed the new Panel members about the 'Try Something New Day'. The Panel agreed that it would be held at the Town Hall on Saturday 15th September, from 10am to 4pm and local organisations and groups would be invited to have a stand, in order to show the public what they do and to encourage people to join.

Councillor Fernandes updated the Panel on the NK Fest which will be taking place on Sunday 1st July at Boston Road Recreation Ground. The Town Council will be having a gazebo there and will be handing out useful information and upcoming event flyers.

13. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th July 2018, in the Town Hall at 10.30am.

The meeting finished at 11.45am.