



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 23rd July 2019
1.00pm to 2.11pm

Panel members present:

Councillor Linda Edwards-Shea (Lead)
Councillor Paul Edwards-Shea
Councillor John Parry
Councillor Adrian Snookes
Councillor Karen Pole

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Darmon.

Councillor Cara Sandy was absent from the meeting.

2. Minutes from 12th June 2019

The Minutes were noted.

3. De-brief Report from the 1940s Day Event

The Panel Lead thanked the Office Staff and Services Team for their organisation and assistance with this event.

A de-brief report was noted by the Panel.

This year's event was held on Saturday 22nd June, which was two days before the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony. The Panel agreed that this had been an ideal date for the event. The Armed Forces Day date for 2020 will be on 27th June, so an ideal date for the 1940s Day would be Saturday 20th June. The Panel noted that in 2020 there will be a 3-day nationwide celebration for the 75th anniversary of VE day in May.

The Panel discussed the possibility of a military vehicle moving slowly through the town on the day to promote the event. Once the event has been approved by Full Council, entertainment and attractions can be booked. Local businesses could be approached to see if they would also be interested in booking entertainment. All agreed that a fly past would be a welcome addition to the event but noted that this would only be free of charge if it was en route to another display.

Recommendation: To confirm the date of Saturday 20th June 2020 for the 1940s Day event and in principle, to increase the 2020/21 Budget for the event up to £1500 (indicative). Vote: unanimous.

4. Outdoor Cinema Events

The Panel received a report and discussed the ticket sales for both films that had been booked with an outside cinema provider, one to be shown on Friday 6th September and the other to be shown on Saturday 7th September 2019, at Boston Road Recreation Ground.

Dirty Dancing - tickets sales are selling well for this film and there have been a lot of enquiries from members of the public to the office about it.

Mary Poppins Returns – the Panel noted that no tickets at all have been sold for the showing of this film and the office have only received two enquiries from members of the public.

The Panel considered the options and recommendations on the report. The Clerk made the Panel aware that should the decision be made to cancel the showing of Mary Poppins Returns, there would be a cancellation fee. Given the cost implications of showing the film at a loss or the cancellation fee involved, it was felt that on balance this would be the preferred option. The Panel unanimously agreed that Mary Poppins Returns will be cancelled, but that the showing of Dirty Dancing on Friday 6th September will still go ahead. The outdoor cinema provider to be informed straight away and all Councillors to be informed before the advertising re-commences.

Recommendation: that Full Council note the cancellation of the showing of Mary Poppins Returns. Vote: unanimous.

5. St Denys' Day and Harvest Celebration Market

The Panel noted a report about the progress of the St Denys' Day and Harvest Celebration Market which will be held at the Town Hall and Navigation Yard on Saturday 12th October 2019.

After discussion, the Panel asked if an Officer could enquire about the costs of hiring a large marquee for the event and for clarification if the outdoor games have a cost implication.

The Panel put forward the following suggestions to possibly incorporate into the event:

- Colouring competition
- Work of art competition
- Making scarecrows and/or corn dollies

The Panel suggested that if required, the event could be extended onto Eastgate Green.

The Panel asked if an Officer could speak to St Denys' Church to ask if they have any plans for St Denys' Day or Harvest celebrations, to ensure that there will be no duplication.

6. Sleaford Christmas Market

The Panel noted the Christmas Market Group report.

One of the ideas in the report was for a procession through the town to mark the start of the Christmas Market. The Panel asked that a suggestion be passed to the Christmas Market Group of having the procession start from Boston Road, going up Southgate, past the Market Place and into Eastgate Car Park.

7. Invitation from Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Primary School

The Panel received an invitation from Our Lady of Good Counsel Roman Catholic Primary School to have a stall at their next PTA Family Fun Day, which will be held on Saturday 11th July 2020. The organisers have offered this as a thank you to the Town Council for the previous use of the gazebos, allowing their banners to be erected and for the general support that is given.

Recommendation: that Full Council accept the offer and wait for further details for Councillors nearer the event date. Vote: For 4 – abstained 1.

8. Sleaford Market

A verbal update was given by the Market Task and Finish Group. The outcome of the meetings held so far is to keep the regular Market traders and Farmers Market traders in the Market Place, but Specialist Markets will continue at the Town Hall and the surrounding area, due to the facilities that can be offered. The Group expressed an interest in the possibility of using electricity in the Market Place.

The Clerk explained that NKDC are currently considering the use of the Market Place and the Market traders may be required to move to the War Memorial area.

The Task and Finish Group will confirm the dates required for the meetings with the office.

9. Revised Scheduled future meeting dates, all at 1.00pm

It was noted that the Task and Finish Group's next meeting was set for Tuesday 27th August 2019 at 1.15pm, therefore the Panel agreed that the next Culture, Markets and Events Panel meeting would be pushed back to 2.30pm.

10. Date and time for next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday 27th August 2019.

The meeting finished at 2.11pm.