



Sleaford Town Council
Culture, Events and Markets Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 6th March 2019
10.30am to 11.40 Noon

Panel members present:

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Report from the meeting held on 6th February 2019

The report was noted.

3. Charity Car Boot Sales 2019

Councillor Richards gave a summary of the first Car Boot Sale that was held on Sunday 3rd March. The general feeling from sellers and buyers was that they wish to see the Car Boots continue. The Panel were notified that there were only two, possibly three dates that hadn't been taken up by a charity or local group. It was requested that further publicity be published to fill these dates and if there was no take up on the 7th April date, the Town Council would run it.

4. Outdoor Cinema Event in September 2019

The Panel confirmed the dates for the Outdoor Cinema event at Boston Road Recreation Ground, these being Friday 6th and Saturday 7th September. Discussion took place for the choice of the films for both evenings and the Panel agreed, after seeking advice from the cinema provider, that Bohemian Rhapsody be shown on the Friday evening. The Panel agreed to think about a suitable family film for the Saturday evening and to come back with ideas at the next meeting.

The Panel agreed that the amount of toilets hired in 2018 was suitable again for 2019 and that the kiosk be invited to attend. The Panel were informed that a drinks and food company will be attending on the Friday evening and another company will be invited to attend on the Saturday evening. The Panel requested that the cinema provider be asked whether they can provide lights and put the screen higher up, plus have the film sound a bit louder.

5. St George's Day Market on 27th April 2019

Administration Officer (SG) informed the Panel about the progress of the St George's Day Market. Uptake of bookings for pitches and stalls had been very swift. The entertainment programme for the day is full and a sound company and a climbing wall have been booked. The event has been published in the press, social media, websites, Town Hall noticeboard etc.

6. Town Crier Competition on 8th June 2019

The Panel were updated about the Town Crier Competition that the Sleaford Town Crier is organising. The event will be held on Saturday 8th June in the Market Place and Town Criers from across the country will be invited to take part. The Town Criers that will be attending, together with Sleaford Town Councillors and the Mayor of Sleaford, will be invited to the Town Hall for a buffet and to watch the competition. Administration Officer (SG) is liaising with the Town Crier about the event.

7. 1940s Day in June 2019

The Panel received a business plan for this event and agreed that a maximum loss of £500 be inserted into the plan.

The Panel agreed that the event will be held in the Town Hall and in Navigation Yard on Saturday 22nd June, from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Stalls will be booked inside the Town Hall for £10 each and members of the public will be invited to bring a picnic to eat in Navigation Yard. Tables and chairs will be hired by Sleaford Town Council for visitors to use, as well as bringing their own chairs. Outdoor games such as marbles, skipping and hopscotch can be played in Navigation Yard. The sound company that the Town Council have used previously and the climbing wall be hired for the event. The RAF Waddington Pipers and Drummers will be asked whether they will be able to play on the day. The Panel requested that the Sleaford Museum be invited to take part and also owners of 1940s vehicles. The NCCD and the library to be notified of the event and also local shops, who will be invited to dress their shop windows.

Recommendation: that Full Council consider the business plan and to agree to the event being held.

Councillor Mathieson temporarily left the meeting at 11.30am.

8. Summer Skate Park Event

The Panel received details from a UK based company who can provide Skate Park events for Towns and Councils. After discussion about the costs involved, the Panel agreed that although this would have been an ideal event, especially for the younger population, it would be too expensive. The idea could be revisited in 2020 if the provider was able to offer a reduced cost.

Councillor Mathieson returned to the meeting at 11.35am.

9. Holocaust Memorial Day in 2020

Councillor Suiter put forward to the Panel that the Town Council mark Holocaust Memorial Day. This will be held on 27th January in 2020. A candle could be lit at the Town Hall, with Town Councillors and the Mayor invited to a small reception with teas and coffees. The flag at the Town Hall would be taken down for twenty four hours.

Recommendation: that the Town Council mark Holocaust Memorial Day on 27th January 2020.

10. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

11. Future Events - Sleaford Town Awards

Councillor Richards reminded the Panel that the Sleaford Town Awards event will be held at the Town Hall on the evening of Thursday 25th April. Invitations for Councillors will be sent out in due course from the office. Administration Officer (SG) updated the Panel on the progress of the event. Councillor Richards asked for a Councillor volunteer to assist on the evening by passing the trophies and certificates to the sponsors, ready for them to be presented to the winners. Councillor Richards put herself forward for this.

12. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 25th March 2019 in the Town Hall, at 10.30am. It was agreed that the next meeting after that, which will be the last one before the elections, will be held on Monday 15th April at 10.30am.

The meeting finished at 11.40am.