

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Thursday 13th March 2024 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Howes (Chairman) and Payne

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Mrs L Greenway, Mrs L Payne, Mr R Hay, Mrs G Maule, Mr G Morgan, Ms L Barlow and Mr S Coles

Apologies:

Councillors: Aldridge and Whetlor

Public: Miss K Richards, Mr R McDonald

23/142C Apologies - As noted above.

23/143C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 15th February 2024 – approved.

23/144C Correspondence

The Royal British Legion had requested to hold a Military Wives Choir on Sunday 10th November 2024, Watchet Brass Band were not available. The committee felt the whole set performed by the Military Wives Choir would be well received. The committee agreed they were happy to run refreshments, on the same basis as previous years.

23/145C “What’s on in Williton” – held on Saturday 24th February 2024 - 10am – 12 noon (WWMRG)

It was reported 28 stalls had attended and the event was very well received. Croquet will be started. It was agreed to hold as an annual event.

23/146C Race Night – 2nd March 2024 (WWMRG)

Ticket sales were disappointing with only 44 being sold, however, it was reported to have been a successful night raising £584.78, which will go towards the repair/renewal of the projector. It was felt the free drink with a ticket worked well. The Williton & District Business Association were thanked for their sponsorship and support of the event.

23/147C Easter Egg Hunt / Scavenger Hunt (WPC) and Crafty Stash (WWMRG) – 31st March 2024

23/147.1C Volunteers were asked to arrive at 1pm, ready for a 2pm start

Easter Egg Hunt for age 5 and under, using the laminated pictures of eggs.

All would have prize of mini-eggs (Liz P had purchased dairy free) as in previous years.

23/147.2C Older children to have a Scavenger Hunt using decorated stones, which will have letters on the back for an anagram. Dawn-Lesley will print a sheet to be completed, pencils would be available. One mini-egg for each letter found, which could be 20 in total.

23/147.3C Crafty Stash to be run in conjunction, to encourage more to both events, 8 tables had been booked to date. This had been advertised through social media and parish councils.

Set-up from 11.30am, stall holders arrived from 12 noon.

Rob and Steve volunteered to set up the tables.

Steve volunteered to help with refreshments, served 1pm – 4pm

23/148C Williton Village Open Gardens and Craft Fair – 2nd June 2024 (WWMRG)

23/148.1C 9 gardens confirmed to date, waiting to hear from 4 more.

23/148.2C Craft Fair – no tables to booked to date. Dawn-Lesley will push advertising of event. Volunteers required for refreshments please.

23/149C 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings - 6th June 2024 (WPC) 9.15pm

- 23/149.1C RBL will confirm events for they would hold during the day, but will probably include:
- A service at the Memorial at 11am.
 - Showing of a Film – depending on projector.
 - Shop window competition / artifacts on display – to be confirmed.
 - Shops will be asked for a display in windows – Liz G would ask.
- Local Churches had been informed of request to ring bells.
 - Readings – Cadets, Scouts and Brownies had agreed – printed copies will be provided for readers to read from.
 - The Parish Council had authorised a budget for a D-Day landing display on Bellamy's Corner, which Ian and Tad had kindly offered to organise.
 - Flag Poles – agreed to fly the Union Jack – help would be required to erect and dismantle. Liz G would ask the businesses to agree.
 - Flags of all countries involved, would be displayed around Bellamy's Corner
 - Guy M apologised as he would not be available during the evening, but offered the use of his sound system.
- 23/149.2C Ian and Peter would arrange the preparation of the beacon during the day.
- 23/150C Garage Sale (WWMRG) – 21st July 2024 (WWMRG)**
- 23/150.1C Di Hooper would be selling from her home for the WWMRG charity, not from the Brendon Room. .
- 23/150.2C Volunteers required to sell refreshments and maps. Liz P, Glenys and Steve offered to help
- 23/151C Arts and Crafts Exhibition – 28th July 2024**
- 23/151.1C 'Now and Then' – the trustee had given their agreement for the event to be held on a not-for-profit basis, with fundraising via refreshments. It was hoped displays and demonstrations would be held. The Brendon Room may also be required. Peter apologised and reminded the committee he would not be available on Sunday's.
- 23/152C Village Fete – Saturday 31st August 2024 – (WWMRG)**
- 23/152.1C Flower schedule was planned to be ready for April – any ideas for craft, please let Peter or Liz know.
- 23/152.2C Main Arena ideas – competition for Village Crier, but hiring one for this event was discussed; Cadets had agreed to perform a display; Dog Agility would be asked; Southwest Waves had agreed; Children's games. Steve would produce a poster for Community Volunteers and would put around the village
- 23/152.3C Duck Race – would only be considered if volunteers were available to run.
- 23/153C Film Club**
- The projector was due to be looked at towards the end of March.
- 23/154C Christmas Events**
- 23/154.1C There had been no update regarding the Santa Sledge
- 23/154.2C Frost Fayre 2024 – confirmation had been received in principle from Somerset Council for the use of the car park, but further information on a Traffic Management plan was required. The Parish Council would be asked to fund the event – Dawn-Lesley would prepare a proposal. Adverse weather insurance would be looked into. It was noted this was an ambitious plan and could only take place with volunteers. Gazebos would need to be booked from Minehead Eye. Liz G would speak to Watchet Music Festival organisers to ask if they would help.
- 23/155C Other Ideas for Events**
- Last Night at the Proms – look at for 14th September 2024
- Major Sporting Events – such as Wimbledon and Olympics, especially opening ceremony, shown on the big screen – all were asked to consider what events they could help at.
- Treasure Hunt of foot; Dinner and Dance
- 23/156C Date of Next Meeting –**
- Wednesday 10th April 2024 at the Pavilion

Meeting closed 8.24pm

Signed Cllr Howes

Dated 11th April 2024
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