

WILLITON WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND & WILLITON PARISH COUNCIL

Charity No: 211212

Minutes of the Events sub-committee held on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.00pm in The Quantock Room, Williton Pavilion

Attendees:

Councillors: Howes (Chairman) and Payne

Clerk: Mrs M Francis

Other: Ms L Barlow, Mrs L Greenway, Mr R Hay, Mr R McDonald, Mrs G Maule, Mr G Morgan, Mrs L Payne, Ms L Parker and Mr D Shattock

Apologies:

Councillors: Aldridge and Whetlor

Public: Miss K Richards

23/157C Apologies - As noted above.

23/158C Approval of minutes of the last meeting held on 13th March 2024 – approved.

23/159C Correspondence

There was none

23/160C Easter Egg Hunt / Scavenger Hunt (WPC) and Crafty Stash (WWMRG) – 31st March 2024

23/160.1C Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunt – the scavenger hunt was well received, but unfortunately some of the painted stones were taken, out of 15 only 7 returned.

23/160.2C Crafty Stash – profit made was £132.00 – it was agreed to make this an annual event, alongside the Easter events.

- It was noted there is a need for more volunteers at events, some are on the list but do not/cannot attend meetings, so should be asked separately.
- If anyone volunteers, but is unable to make the event, please ensure that this is advised. Volunteers would be contacted before events to ensure they could still attend.
- It was suggested having a WhatsApp group for emergency help, noting no decisions could be made via this platform.
- All were asked if they would be happy for Dawn-Lesley to be informed of their email addresses, this was verbally agreed and any that wished for their information not to be shared would inform Michelle.

23/161C Williton Village Open Gardens and Craft Fair – 2nd June 2024 (WWMRG)

23/161.1C 12 gardens confirmed to date, Dawn-Lesley had 2 more to visit. This would be the maximum; it was noted this was an excellent number of gardens and everyone would be thanked for taking part.

- Tickets/Maps would be available for the 1st weekend in May at a cost of £3.00, to include a free tea or coffee in the pavilion.
- They would be available from the Parish Office – the Post Office, Somerset Farmhouse and Glenmore Bakery to be asked if they would be happy to sell them. Also to be available at events in the pavilion and at gardens on the day. Liz P would try and sell at gardening club.
- The advertising banner would be erected on Bellamy's corner 2 weeks before event.
- Refreshments would be available in the pavilion from 11am – 3pm - A correction would be made in the Williton Window advising of this

23/161.2C Craft Fair – 5 tables to booked to date. Dawn-Lesley will push advertising of event. Volunteers required for refreshments please.

23/162C 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings - 6th June 2024 (WPC) 9.15pm

- 23/162.1C
- The Royal British Legion will confirm events for they would hold during the day. The showing of a film would not go ahead unless the projector was mended/replaced.
 - Liz G advised those present at the recent Business Group meeting would be happy for displays in their windows, they would organise for a letter would be sent to all to request permission.
- 23/162.2C Ian and Peter would arrange the preparation of the beacon during the day. The readings would be done before the lighting of the beacon, with cake being served afterwards. St Peters Church had confirmed they would ring their bell at 6.30pm
- 23/162.3C Fore Street and Bellamy's Corner Flags – agreed to erect on Saturday 1st June at 10am. Dawn-Lesley and Liz P offered to help. Liz G would add this to the letter being sent to businesses. It was hope the display for Bellamy's corner would also be erected on the same day and left for 2 weeks.

23/163C Garage Sale (WWMRG) – 21st July 2024 (WWMRG)

- 23/163.1C Only 2 properties had shown an interest to date. This would be discussed at the next meeting to decide whether the event would go ahead.
- Dawn-Lesley would add to Williton Window report.
 - It was suggested leaflets are handed out through youth groups, such as Brownies and Cubs – also around the shops.
 - The deadline would be extended until 30th June.

23/164C Now and Then Exhibition – 28th July 2024 – 10am – 4pm

- 23/164.1C 10 tables booked to date with 5 'Pop-ups'. There had been a request for wall hanging – Lyn would check the rail to see if suitable. Hall and Brendon Room requested. Set-up from 8.30am – request for help with this and refreshments – Dawn-Lesley to possibly make sandwiches. Liz P offered help with refreshments.

23/165C Village Fete – Saturday 31st August 2024 – (WWMRG)

- 23/165.1C Flower schedule was ready, just needed folding. Schedules would be placed around the village and added to Williton Window to advise where they could be collected from.
- 23/165.2C Main Arena – will be confirmed at the next meeting
- Cadets would be asked to help on the entrances, as last year
- St Johns Ambulance had estimated £150 for 2 people to cover the set-up, break-down and duration of fete. It was agreed to book this as there is no dedicated 1st aider. They would be asked if they would like to have a stand for promotion.
- It was felt more was needed for people to do, such as splat the rat – agreed more volunteers would be needed to enable this.
- Rob H offered to have croquet, along the lines of the skittles.
- The following would be investigated: Pony rides; animal petting corner; Alpaca walks; Ferret racing; Vintage vehicle area – Tractors, Scooters etc; Football goal shoot out.
- Business group would be asked to sponsor an inflatable
- Brochure – Ivan would be asked if he would assist
- Rob H would ask if the truck would be available to help with the set up
- Dog Show – last year each class was restricted to 20 – it was requested that this was increased.
- Childrens races would be sorted by Dave, possibly fancy dress
- Darren would be asked to look at showground rides

23/166C Last Night at the Proms

Item deferred until projector mended/replaced

23/167C Showing of Major Sporting Events

Item deferred until projector mended/replaced

23/168C Film Club

Item deferred until projector mended/replaced

23/169C Royal British Legion – Military Wives Choir – Sunday 10th November 2024

Robert confirmed all had been booked, as well as the Military Wives Choir there would be One Man and his Guitar. To be ran along the same basis as previous years. The Parish Council would be asked if they would like to invite a guest, if not, Robert would ask the High Sherriff.

23/170C Christmas Events – Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st March 2024 – (WPC)

23/170.1C Saturday 30th November 2024

There had been no update regarding the Santa Sledge but was envisaged to be an all-weather vehicle to take Father Christmas around the village from 3pm – 4pm on Saturday 30th November. Guy M would contact Wessex 4 x 4 and if they were available to assist, a parade would be organised from Danesfield at 4pm, to the Parish Office with Santa's Grotto.

23/170.2C Sunday 1st December 2024 - Frost Fayre 2024

it was reiterated that 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.

Members were concerned regarding the possible financial implication of the ice-rink, so it was decided to forego this for this year, but instead to ask Darren to investigate old fashioned type, fair-ground rides, such as carousels. Dawn-Lesley had made contact regarding market stalls and would update at the next meeting.

23/171C Other Ideas for Events

The suggestion of a hire shop was discussed, but agreed would not be possible.

Flags/banners for groups in village to be hung from flag poles. An email would be sent to groups to ask if they would be interested.

Fun Run – Michelle would investigate for holding in the autumn.

Memory Walk – for Alzheimer / Dementia – Peter would look into further

Pantomime

Treasure Hunt of foot; Dinner and Dance

23/172C Date of Next Meeting –

Wednesday 8th May 2024, at the Pavilion

Meeting closed 8.26pm

Signed Cllr Howes

Dated 8th May 2024