

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes: 29 November 2022: Start Time 6.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr M Levell (Chairman), Cllr P Byrne, Cllr B Cross (Substitute) Cllr R Levell and Cllr L Wilkes

IN ATTENDANCE

Nicola Barker, Administrative Officer (Minutes)

Cllr M Levell welcomed Cllr B Cross for attending as a substitution and commended Cllr O Curtis for organising a substitution in his absence.

433.22 To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr O Curtis, Cllr A Fernley and M Newton.

434.22 Notification of requests from members of the public to address the meeting in compliance with adopted protocol.

None received.

435.22 Notification of members questions in compliance with the councils standing orders.

None received.

436.22 Declarations of Interest.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE EITHER A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST OR OTHER INTEREST IN ANY ITEM THEN THEY SHOULD DECLARE THE INTEREST AND IN THE CASE OF A PECUNIARY ITEM LEAVE THE MEETING FOR THAT ITEM.

None.

437.22 Minutes: To confirm the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held 15th November 2022. (Copy via link)

RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 as a true record.

Cllr P Byrne arrived at 6.34pm.

438.22 Santa's Grotto 2022: To consider alternative plans for Santa's Grotto 2022.

The Committee received a verbal update from the Administrative Officer.

The Santa's Grotto provider had withdrawn their support. The office staff had tried to source a replacement provider but due to a lack of availability this had not been possible.

Members conveyed their disappointment and discussed alternative ideas.

It was suggested to organise a Christmas Party at Saxon Hall, members discussed options and queried if this could be arranged at short notice. Members also considered Saxon Hall's capacity which restricted how many children could attend a Christmas Party, since it would only cater for 100 children.

It was suggested that Santa's Grotto presents could be donated to the Raunds Food Bank and Hill Street Vintage Collection Santa on a Tractor fundraiser to distribute. This would reach out to more children in Raunds.

RESOLVED to

- a) donate the Santa's Grotto presents to the Raunds Food Bank and Hill Street Vintage Collection Santa on a Tractor fundraiser to distribute to the children of Raunds.**
- b) delegate to the Administrative Officer to make all necessary arrangements, including liaison with sponsors.**
- c) delegate wording of a press release to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Events Committee, Mayor and Deputy Mayor.**
- d) set a maximum budget of £1000.00 to purchase presents, to be offset by any external grant and/or sponsorship funding contributions received.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:30pm.

Approved: (Chairman)

Meeting:17th January 2023..... (Committee)