**WIGTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE WAS**

**HELD ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2023 AT 6:00 PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Scott, Crouch, Newton P, Meszaros and McCarthy.

Clerk: E. Ireton

**EVE/06/2023 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES & RECORD REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Hodson

**EVE/07/2023 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS**

None

**EVE /08/2023 VOTE TEMPORARY CHAIR**

Cllr Crouch offered to temporarily chair the meeting until the co-option of councillors Newton and Meszaros takes place at Full Council.

**EVE /09/2023 EVENTS**

**4. SEPTEMBER EVENT**

Firstly, the event name was discussed, and it was decided it would be called ‘Party in the park the 100 year anniversary’.

Cllr Scott:

Agreed to arrange for a wagon from Harrison’s to be used as a stage along with a skip for the waste.

Provisionally booked local acts but will confirm at the next meeting.

The clerk reminded the committee that there is a £6000 budget for the event but where possible there should be the opportunity to also make money during the event.

In relation to activities, it was suggested that the Thomlinson Junior School could possibly provide some equipment for school games.

The committee then discussed ideas split into four categories: Activities, Acts and Entertainment, Food and Drink and organisational planning.

**Activities**

Suggested activities included:

Tombola and Raffle – P Newton to ask about Nelson’s equipment.

Inflatables

Archery

Bowling Club to be open including the bar

Young Farmers

Sports Events – Ben Hale to provide Park Play

**Acts and Entertainment**

Suggested acts included:

The Nelson Samba Band

Bird of Prey shows

BMX/Motorbike displays

Football/freestyling

Dog show/ Best of breed or agility.

Slater’s fun fair rides

Pony rides

Could Farm Parks bring animals?

Silly Gilly

Police/Fire Service presence.

Horde and Cart rides

Require an MC for the stage

Howard Nicholson – Comedian

Laal Collection

Chrysalis

**Stage Acts** to include

Antics Band

Blythey

Donna and Coco

Lol and Dave

Jenny Ball – deposit already paid.

**Food and Drink – All vendors would pay £30 for a space**

Suggested vendors included the following:

Penrith Pop and Bargains

Hog roasts

The clerk to contact the same vendors from the Christmas light switch on

Cooking demo – Cllr Crouch

**Organisational Planning**

Suggested the following:

Contacting Futamura to help with stewarding/volunteering or other local organisations.

Confirming general volunteers including those from this committee, the committee needs to confirm the number of volunteers provided for each activity and parking.

Consider the parking issues and having stewards.

First Aid is required.

Advertising through parent mail

Boards to show refurbishment of Dalton Shelter

SWM – toilets

Litter picking/bins

Licences

Advertise Event Cumbria

Cllr Scott would like to invite dignitaries.

**5. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Santa’s Grotto – NADT is likely to offer this as they did a fantastic job last year,

Emma Ireton to speak to Sandra Keaveney regarding grotto.

Possibility to hire the Grinch.

**Meeting closed at 7:09pm**

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th July 2023**