

Minutes of the Fair Committee Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024, 5.30pm in the LARC.

Present – Cllr. White (Chairman); Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Brooker; Ed Tanner; Cllr. Fouracres; Cllr. Brock; 1 Member of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk); Tony Mount; Cllr. Boyles.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. Grabke. Cllr. L. Bull.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Council members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. None declared.

3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting or any matters the public would like the Fair Committee to consider on a future agenda.

Thanks to Duggie Parrish for compering at the Fair. Music artists who come and play have to bring their own sound decks. This creates a lull between groups. Mr. Parrish knows someone who would come and comper/sound all day at the Fair. Considers there needs to be more continuity with the music. There was a food generator close to the music which caused a little consternation at times. Consideration to be given to moving the generator for 2024. A wide range of acts would be good if costly. Possible thought to have karaoke/open mic for a part of the day.

4) Minutes –the minutes of meetings held on 14th September and 16th November 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5) Final accounts – now finalised and circulated to the committee prior to this meeting. To discuss and agree associated actions. Cllr. White considers that investment should be made in the Fair. Ed Tanner would like some of these monies to be kept back to promote future Fairs. Profit of £2498 after all expenses. Ed tanner proposed investing the full amount in the future of the Fair. Proposal agreed by show of hands and these monies will now be ring-fenced inside Council’s accounts.

6) Actions –

- i. Quotation received from Devon & Somerset Marquees for 2 marquees – to discuss and agree the quote. Agreed – Clerk to action the 25% deposit to secure the date.
- ii. Quote received from Adventure Okehampton regarding the hire of the climbing wall – for discussion and action. Proposed hire the climbing wall at the higher rate, taking the profit.
- iii. Bookings confirmed for the 31st October are Punch & Judy/Radios/First Aid (they wish confirmation of times start & finish). To consider the face painting costs. To ask if it is possible to have two face painters as the waiting time was too long last year. Clerk to check as well as cost of face painting. First Aid will need a radio. Ask the witch and stilts to come. Looking for a new ‘Titan’. Majorettes? Morris dancing?
- iv. To consider the fair job description deposited in Teams. Next agenda.
- v. To consider any items brought to the attention of this committee for the 2024 Fair. Social media was very good in 2023; to continue this for 2024.
- vi. To request a community presence from the police for 2024 both on the Wednesday and Thursday.
- vii. Cllr. White proposed co-opt Doug Parrish onto the committee. All agreed.
- viii. Deveys asking for a meeting to discuss the fair. Cllr. White will set up a meeting with the Deveys.

Meeting closed at 6.35pm

The next Committee meeting will be held on 5th February at 5.15pm in the LARC.

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