

Bampton Fair Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

The minutes of a meeting of Bampton Fair Committee held on Monday 6th January 2025 at 5.15 pm in the LARC.

Present – Cllr. White (Chairman); Cllr. Grabke; Cllr. N. Bull; Cllr. Boyles; Cllr Brock; Cllr Brooker; Peter James; Doug Parrish; David Small and Ed Tanner.

In attendance: Jill Larcombe (Interim Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr L Bull. Peter James introduced himself as Tony Mount's replacement. He will make the arrangements for the craft fair in the church.
- 2) **Declarations Of Interest:** No declarations of interest.
- 3) **Public Discussion:** None.
- 4) **Minutes** – It was agreed to sign the minutes of meeting held on the 6th January 2025 as an accurate record.
- 5) **Recap on 2024 Fair.** People are still saying how good the 2024 fair was and they are asking what is happening for 2025. The artists also enjoyed it. A pat on the back was given to everyone. Ed Tanner and his tenant were thanked for allowing the use of their premises. It was hoped they were thanked at the time. Signage needs to be looked at for 2025 but there is a plan.
- 6) **2025 Fair.** The flags need to be put out on 1st October. Cllr White said it seems a shame not to use the flag poles and fabric flags but the cost of doing this has been looked at.

Sponsorship. Cllr Boyles asked what sponsors got for their sponsorship. Everyone liked the information on sponsorship on Facebook. She had gone further afield for sponsorship for 2024.

Further consideration will be given to the sponsor package. The more you give the more you get in the way of promotion. It could be linked to named areas.

Cllr Boyles agreed to approach businesses for sponsorship. This year they will be invoiced well before the fair to try and get payments in earlier. A template invoice will be added to Teams.

It was suggested that EDF/Hinkley could be approached for sponsorship as they might like to do something positive because of their negative reputation.

Booking of facilities. The marquees, toilets, bins, ambulance etc have been ordered.

Music area. While a covered stage would be a benefit the cost is prohibitive. If there was enough sponsorship it might be possible. It was suggested that Ways Transport, who do business locally, could be approached. Members in the musical sector were asked to look into this, bearing in mind the location.

Entertainment. It is important to get the main entertainment booked soon.

Suggestions were:

- Rock Choir South West
- Steam bus

- Bicycles - possibly tie into the Pump Track
- Something to interact with the children – another robot, fully automated?
- Yaris Birds of Prey, Cullompton

Could the MUGA be utilised.

Stalls. 2024 stall holders to be surveyed.

Application forms for stalls in the marquee, street and church to be sent out in one hit.

Cllr White has built up a database of stall holders.

Signage. Cllr Fouracre and Cllr Brooker will look at signage.

Hopefully there will not be as many roadworks this year.

It was noted the one way system changes at 1pm.

7) Date of the next Fair Committee meeting. Tuesday 4th February at 5.15pm

The meeting closed at 5.58pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date: