

# Bampton Fair Committee

## DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes will be agreed at the meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and might be subject to slight amendment

### The minutes of a meeting of Bampton Fair Committee held on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 5.15 pm in the LARC.

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

**In attendance:** Jill Larcombe (Interim Clerk).

- 1) **Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr L Bull and Cllr N Bull.
- 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 and they were duly signed by the Chair.
- 5) **2025 Fair arrangements.** The stall holder form has been circulated and uploaded to the website. The stall fee will have to be paid when the stall is booked and this will avoid chasing people for their fee on the day. The fee will remain the same as 2024. A second meat van has been booked. They are excited to be booked and will do a 'Bampton package'. Rupert has spoken to a cycle display team but it was only three years ago that they last attended and committee members wanted to know how the display differed from them. There are other companies out there. Rachel suggested asking Adam Padgett if he knows of a good bicycle display team.  
**Action:** Ask Adam Padgett about bike entertainment.

The school would like an entertainment space for dancing and drumming, the same as for 2024. Having the school brings the family aspect into it.

**Action:** allocate space for the school for entertainment.

Peter was asked if it would be possible to get more stalls into the Church. They cannot go any further than the Rood Screen, but the tea and coffee table could be removed.

**Action:** Peter to check whether space could be created in the Church for more stalls.

It was noted that although there is a book sale outside of the LSARC the inside is not used for anything on the day of the Fair. It was suggested the book sale could be inside with some other stalls.

**Action:** Peter to contact Oliver Courtney and David Graham who run the LARC to ask about having stalls in the LARC.

The Flickering Cauldron & Kettle to be asked if they would supply space for the committee to use as a central point on the day.

**Action:** Ed Tanner to ask his tenant if they would supply space for the committee to use as a central point on the day.

Highways signage to be checked.

**Action:** Cllr Fouracre and Cllr Brooker to get together to look at signage.

The road closures need to be applied for as soon as possible. Rupert has been put in contact with Gill, the DCC Neighbourhood Highways Technician who will process the application, and he is arranging to meet with her to look at the application.

**Action:** Rupert to submit application and supporting documentation for road closures.

There is a specific amount of time that advertising signs can be displayed without permission. Advertisement of the event in the surrounding area will be as for 2024.

Music and entertainment should be booked soon. It was agreed to cut back to 6, spread the money around each of them and expect them to perform for an hour. Doug likes to give local musicians a chance and not use all the same ones each time.

Options for providing a covered area for music was discussed. Suggestions were asking a haulage company for the use of a 20 foot curtain sider lorry for the day. A shout could be put out on Facebook to try and source one. Belinda will ask Ways Transport who deliver coal in Bampton. The cost of hiring a mobile events set up will also be explored.

**Actions:** Belinda to put a shout out on Facebook to try and source a 20ft curtain sider and contact Ways Transport to see if they would loan one.

Simon to look into the cost of hiring a mobile events set up.

Richard had four examples of logos for the fair. This will be discussed when Nick is present.

**Action:** discuss fair logos at the next meeting.

It was queried why business rates have to be paid to run the fair and why it is so much.

**Action:** the Clerk to contact MDDC to find out why.

Rupert has booked a table at the Volunteer Event which is being held at the Riverside Hall on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00. Rachel will help him. Set up is from 9.30am. It is hoped to get some more volunteers.

**Action:** Rupert and Rachel to promote the fair at the Volunteer Event. Rupert to remind Rachel.

Peter suggested getting information about the fair into the Exmoor magazine. The deadline would be August.

## **6) Date of the next Fair Committee meeting.** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 5.15pm

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Signed:  
Chair

Date: