

# Bampton Fair Committee

## **The minutes of a meeting of Bampton Fair Committee held on Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 5.15 pm in the LARC.**

**Present** – Cllr. White (Chairman); Cllr Fouracre; Cllr Boyles; Cllr Brock; Cllr N Bull; Cllr. Grabke; Cllr Brooker; Doug Parish and Ed Tanner.

**In attendance:** Jill Larcombe, Clerk.

- 1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr L Bull and P James.
- 2) Declarations Of Interest:** None.
- 3) Public Discussion:** No members of the public present.
- 4) Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting held on the 7th April 2025 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 5) To discuss and approve entertainment acts.** Chloe Marie Aston, the Piano Bike Girl, has been booked and the drums from 2024.  
Cllr L Bull has asked if it would be possible for any of the entertainment acts to visit Barnhay or Castle Grove Nursing Home. Chloe Marie Aston is a possibility.
- 6) To receive an update on musical entertainment.** Ed and Doug have compiled a list of 21 possibilities. No progress has been made with the stage. Having one made was suggested but that would be costly. It needs to be no smaller than 6.5 mts x 3.5 mts. More clarity is needed over what is required and a specification needs to be produced.  
Scaffolding has been tried before but there were complaints. The priority is keeping the electrics dry. Cllr Boyles will ask Paul Govier (TFG).
- 7) Update on stall holders' applications.** Stall bookings are being received in dribs and drabs. The two meat lorries have said they will be coming but there booking forms have not been received yet. The Clerk will compile a list of stall holders who have paid from the bank statements.
- 8) To discuss promotion for the fair.** The main acts will be asked for their promotion materials.
- 9) Update on discussions about the fair becoming a charity.** Cllr White and Cllr L Bull have met with Sam Thomson. The Heritage Centre has declined to host the funds. Cllr White has approached Oliver Courtney to see if the LARCs would be willing to help.  
Cllr White and Cllr L Bull and 2 others have agreed to become trustees and an application for £10,000 of funding is going to be made to National Grid. Sam Thomson is very hopeful about the success of the application and hopes to hear soon. If the funding is received it could be used for providing the evening entertainment. A paper trail will be needed to evidence how the funding has been used.  
It is hoped to have a proper picture of where to go by next month. The marquee is empty in the evening and as it comes with lights it could be used in the evening.

Cllr N Bull left the meeting.

Local companies have provided sponsorship in the past but there will be a pause in asking them while waiting to hear if the grant application has been successful. It is hoped to be able to give them recognition without them having to put their hands in their pocket.

If there are evening events there will be a stewarding problem. Cllr Fouracre suggested paying a group to provide stewards and it was agreed this was a good idea. They could cover the outside area and the volunteer stewards could cover the inside area. The cost will probably be about £500. This group steward at Tavistock Goose Fair.

Cllr White, Cllr Fouracre and Cllr N Bull will work out what will be possible.

**10) Date of the next Fair Committee meeting:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 5.15pm.

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