

Bampton Fair Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

These minutes will be agreed at the meeting on 1st September and might be subject to slight amendment

The minutes of a meeting of the Bampton Fair Committee held on Monday 4th August 2025 at 5.00 pm in the Bampton Town Council Office, 2 Newton Square, Bampton.

Present: Cllr's R White (Chair), B Boyles, R Brooker, L Bull and S Fouracres. Mr P James, Mr D Parish and Mr E Tanner.

In attendance: Mrs J Larcombe (Clerk).

- 1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr N Bull and Cllr R Grabke. Mr Tanner had advised that he would be late.
- 2) Declarations Of Interest.** None.
- 3) Public Discussion.** No members of the public present.
- 4) Minutes.** The minutes of meeting held on the 7th July 2025 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair.
- 5) Financial update.** It was hard work obtaining sponsorship for the fair last year because businesses were already finding it hard financially. This was the reason for deciding to go down the charity route but there hasn't been any news of successful grant applications yet. While it will be difficult to start to try and get sponsorship now, businesses could be offered the opportunity to sponsor certain things such as the bike display, the stage or musical acts. An email will be sent to all previous sponsors with details of sponsorship opportunities. A personal approach will be made where it is suitable.
An updated spreadsheet showing committed expense, income received to date and expected income was circulated. Income includes a £5,000 donation. There is still a small deficit forecast but this could change.

Mr Tanner joined the meeting during this item.
- 6) Entertainment.** Entertainment booked during the day (pre 5pm) includes the bike display, Chloe-Marie Aston (Piano Girl), Marvellous Adventures and Punch & Judy. Fire Eaters and the silent disco are booked for the evening (post 5pm).
- 7) Musical entertainment.** Musical entertainment will start from 10.30am. Mr Tanner and Mr Parish will provide the details of the acts to Cllr White and Cllr L Bull. Cllr Boyles will list and promote.

- 8) Mobile stage.** The stage has been provisionally booked for 8 hours and it was agreed to confirm this booking. Cllr White will see if the hours can be increased to allow the musical entertainment booked for the evening to use the stage. The booking includes an engineer with the stage.
- 9) Update on stall holders' applications.** Cllr White has been contacting last years stall holders who haven't booked a stall. Stalls in the Church are not completely booked yet.
- 10) Update on all other arrangements.** Raynet will be in control of communications.
The Temporary Traffic Regulation Order application has been submitted and is waiting for a decision from the Secretary of State.
- 11) Fair promotion.** Cllr L Bull and Cllr Boyles will ramp up the publicity on social media. Stall holders will be asked to follow on Facebook.
An advert has been booked in the Exmoor Magazine and they will include some editorial.
- 12) Update on the fair becoming a charity.** The application has been submitted and acknowledged but a decision is still awaited. It is planned to hold a trustee meeting before or close to the next Fair Committee meeting.
- 13) Date of the next Fair Committee meeting –** Monday 1st September 2025, 5pm at the Council's office.

Signed:
Chair

Date: