



Bampton Town Council - Fair Committee

The minutes of a meeting of the Bampton Fair Committee held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 5.00pm in the Bampton Town Council Office, 2 Newton Square, Bampton.

Present: Cllr's R White (Chair), R Brooker, L Bull, N Bull, S Fouracres and R Grabke, Mr P James and Mr E Tanner,

In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence. Apologies accepted from Cllr B Boyles.

The committee paid their respects to Doug Parish who had died since the last meeting. Members will miss his enthusiasm, commitment, smile and laugh.

2) Declarations Of Interest. No declarations.

3) Public Discussion. No members of the public present.

4) Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd March 2026 were agreed and signed.

5) To give feedback on:

5.1: Stalls. Only a couple more bookings received since the last report. Another email will be sent out.

5.2: Entertainment. At the last meeting it was agreed to book some smaller acts and spread them through the day. Having given this decision further consideration the committee decided a new headline act is needed to draw people in. While there was concern that a headline act has not been booked yet, Cllr L Bull reminded members that the committee had been in this position before in April. Members will continue to look for ideas for a headline act.

5.3: Musical entertainment and mobile stage. The following performers have been booked:

Jason Toff (£150)

Wivelele Ukele Band (£150)

Dave Williams (£150)

Sarah Yeo (£200)

Sweethearts (£400)

The Pipe Band cannot attend as many members will be working. They could be asked if they could get together a few people.

Cllr L Bull suggested having an evening just to look at options for musical entertainment to finalise the line up. A chance could be given to some youngsters as there is a wide demographic to appeal to.

It was suggested the fair could have a theme song and this could be on the website.

There is one but it would need updating.

The committee would like to make music a bigger feature of the fair and take more ownership.

It was agreed to name the stage after Doug Parish.

5.4: Stewarding. No update. No date has been given yet for the Community/Wellbeing Event at which it is hoped to recruit more stewards. This is expected to be held in May or June.

5.5: Road closure arrangements/signing of diversion routes. Mrs Larcombe is updating the Event Plan. Now the Council is in a new financial year the application can be made for the road closures.
Signage needs to be improved at Lodfin.

5.6: Publicity. An Instagram account has been set up. Information will be trickled from now until the fair and not just pushed in the last six weeks.

5.7: Confirmation of equipment bookings made, and deposits paid since the last meeting. No bookings since the last meeting.

5.8: Any other items: Sponsorship. A main sponsor, ideally willing to contribute £5,000, is required. Cllr Boyles has volunteered to contact possible sponsors. We are now at the start of the new financial year and Cllr L Bull will update the sponsor letter and make it ready for distribution.

There is a possibility the Swan will be closed in which case a pop-up bar could be organised close to the funfair or a bar could be got in.

A business/financial plan will be put together so that members know what can be afforded and how much needs to be raised to do more.

6) Date of the next Fair Committee meeting. Tuesday 5th May at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 5.55pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date: