



Bampton Town Council - Fair Committee

The minutes of a meeting of the Bampton Fair Committee held on Monday 27th July 2026 at 5.00pm in the Bampton Town Council Office, 2 Newton Square, Bampton.

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

In attendance: the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

1) **Apologies and acceptance for absence.** Cllr L Bull had advised the Clerk she would arrive during the meeting.

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 29th June 2026 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chair.

5) **To give feedback on:**

5.1: Stalls bookings

Stall bookings are lower than this time last year. Street – 33 (64); Marquee – 7 (20) and Church – 4 (12).

Cllr White will use the trader contact details in the Mid Devon Show catalogue to email out information about booking a stand at the fair. More craft stalls are required rather than food stalls as bookings are food heavy at the moment.

Mr James will give out business cards at Dunster County Fair.

Cllr White has update details about stall bookings and gas certificates in the Fair folders on Microsoft Teams.

Cllr L Bull joined the meeting.

5.2: Produce and Craft Fair.

5.3: Entertainment. Cllr N Bull suggested booking Higher Beings Circus and after looking at their website details it was agreed to contact them to see if they were available.

5.4: Musical entertainment and mobile stage. Sarah Yeo cannot attend this year but is interested in performing in 2027.

Cllr L Bull suggested her daughter's band and this was agreed. They will be paid the same as the other performers.

Musical entertainment will start at 10.30am.

The stage banner with Doug Parish's photo will be covered over at the start and a LED candle will be lit and a couple of his songs will be played as a dedication him.

Parking for entertainers will be available at Castle Grove while they are performing – Cllr L Bull to be included in arrangements. They will need to display a permission to park ticket with their contact details while they are parked there.

Mr Tanner to make arrangements with Dave Williams/Wivi Ukulele Band and Andy Bell.

5.5: Stewarding. To be discussed in more detail in September. People stewarding at Devon Days will be approached to ask if they would steward at the fair. Pasties have been ordered from Castle Grove.

5.6: Road closure arrangements/signing of diversion routes. The application has been submitted and confirmation received. Cllr Brooker has attended Chapter 8 training and once his certificate has been received it will be sent to Highways. A check will be made to make sure there are enough blank barriers to close the roads.

5.7: Publicity. Cllr Boyles is doing a great job with publicity. Cllr L Bull is happy to help. Details of sponsors will be added to the website. People need to be made aware that the future of the fair is on a knife edge. A public meeting will be held in November to discuss the future of the Fair. Cllr White has announced that it is his last year as Chair of the Fair Committee.

5.8: Financial Report. A financial report was circulated. Since the last meeting a further £200 of stall fees and £250 of sponsorship has been received. There was concern and enough income being received to cover costs. Full details on page 3.

5.9: Any other items: no other items.

6) Date of the next Fair Committee meeting. Monday 7th September at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 6.02pm.

Signed:
Chair

Date:

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Report for 27th July meeting

				Payments		Net Position	
		Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
Stall Fees brought forward 2025-26	1030.00	1,030.00	0.00				0.00 0%
Stall fees 2026-27	3750.00	320.00	-3430.00				-3430.00 -99%
Bampton Fair Sponsorship	6500.00	1100.00	-5400.00				-5400.00 -87%
Funfair	1250.00	0.00	-1250.00				-1250.00 -100%
From Bampton Town Council Budget	4000.00	4000.00	0.00				0.00 0%
Advertising & Publicity				75.00	0.00	75.00	75.00 100%
Ambulance/First Aid				750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00 100%
Bampton Fair Miscellaneous				200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00 100%
Business Rates for Fair				607.75	120.75	487.00	487.00 80%
Entertainment Costs				5000.00	0.00	5000.00	5000.00 100%
Marquee & Toilet Hire				3400.00	0.00	3400.00	3400.00 100%
Musical Entertainment including stage				3500.00	0.00	3500.00	3500.00 100%
Firework display				1500.00	312.50	1187.50	1187.50 79%
Signs & Printing				800.00	0.00	800.00	800.00 100%
Stewarding/Radios				500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00 100%
Traffic Costs				240.00	0.00	240.00	240.00 100%
Totals	16530.00	6450.00	- 10080.00	16572.75	433.25	16139.50	