

**MINUTES OF DRIFFIELD TOWN COUNCIL EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 14TH 2021 AT 6.00PM IN THE MEETING ROOM AT MARKET WALK
DRIFFIELD.**

Present: G Helliwell, A Coleman, S Fletcher, P Rounding, S Starrett, A Croft and the Town Clerk, Mrs C Binnington.

EV/01/21 Election of Chair:

Cllr S Starrett was elected chair with all in favour.

EV/02/21 Election of Vice Chair:

Cllr G Helliwell was elected vice chair with all in favour.

EV/03/21 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr M Blakeston

EV/04/21 Discover Driffeld Promotional Events:

The TCO had produced a report of the buskers and children's entertainment that had played on Thursdays, Sundays and Saturdays. The last event would be October 2nd. The response had been excellent with many people sitting and watching on Umbrella Plaza. A letter of support and thanks had been received from Robertos. It was generally agreed that the few events organised in this short space of time had given a great foundation for next season which would run from April to the end of September. The clerk reported she had begun the process of removing the prohibition of alcohol from Market Place as the pubs and restaurants had voiced an enthusiasm for serving food and drinks on the Plaza next summer. Cllr A Coleman voiced concerns however the clerk assured him the process was in the very early stages and full consultation with the police and licencing would take place. She also reported that she was in the process of renewing the Umbrella agreement for 3 years with ERYC, which had expired in June. Cllr A Coleman asked that one of the picnic benches in Market Place be either removed or relocated so as not to impede the footfall to Middle Street North.

EV/05/21 Remembrance Event:

The service would take place on Sunday November 14th at 2.30pm at the new Methodist Church. The Parade would meet at the Tesco car park as in previous years and a rolling road closure would be in place to take the parade to the Methodist church then afterwards to the war memorial at All Saints. Claire to source a band to lead the parade. John Forrester had kindly agreed to still organise the wreaths at the memorial. Claire and John liaising with clergy and an Order of Service would be designed and printed also.

Claire reported she was also to apply for a very short road closure for the Remembrance at the Gardens on the 11th November as the noise of traffic was very disconcerting and not appropriate.

EV/06/21 Christmas Festival:

Having since the last meeting successfully procured the market stalls for hire the Christmas Market would go ahead at the Festival. It was agreed that town centre business hire a stall for £10 and Christmas Traders at £15 per

stall. Apus Entertainment had been booked – Santas Airforce and the Christmas Aristocrats. George Tucker was to bring his Ice Palace fun house, the cliffhanger, tea cups, carousel and hook a snowman stalls. He will also bring his candyfloss stall. The road closure would be to Ulllyotts as usual however it was hoped that perhaps some narrower attractions could be placed where the parking areas are on Middle Street South. No external food outlets will be permitted and Jill will try to encourage as many cafes, restaurants and shops to stay open as possible. Market Place will not have staging or entertainment but Great Drifffield Radio will conduct the countdown with the Mayor and we may use their PA at a yet to be agreed cost to play Christmas music and do the countdown. Claire to try to get Rotary (now defunct) to resurrect Father Christmas.

The Umbrella Plaza will be replaced with a blanket of Christmas lights, which would be in the region of £4000 in order to get the desired spectacular effect, it was **agreed** to go ahead with this. Claire to seek a price from Decx as to the dismantling of the umbrellas and the erection of the lights as it may work out cheaper and more convenient than getting our own team to do this laborious task along with all the other things they would be involved with at this time.

EV/07/21 Yuletide Sunday Markets:

To take place on Sunday November 28th and Sunday December 5th between 10am and 4pm. Road closure from Robertos to Ulllyotts (not Market Place). Stalls as price indicated above. Funding from Re-Opening the High Streets for street entertainers.

Marshalls for both the Christmas Festival and the Yuletide Markets will be sought from volunteers where possible.

EV/08/21 Quiet Riot Arts and Driff Fest:

It was **agreed** to organise a zoom meeting with Chris Warkup of Quiet Riot Arts to see if we could partner them in some way next summer to organise a Driff Fest, which would involve various bands and artists performing in various locations and venues in the town over a number of days.

EV/09/21 Other Issues:

Platinum Jubilee: Initial thoughts – event in North End Park, town centre events, grants for street parties. It was agreed that some consideration be given to this prior to budget setting in November in conjunction with Jill and Fiona.

EV/10/21 Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday October 12th 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Signed:

Date: 12 October 2021