

Bishop Auckland Town Council
Event's Committee
25 January 2023
Minutes

Present: Councillor L Zair, (Chairman) and Councillors J Blackburn, M Harker, K Lawson, M Siddle, and S Zair

Also present: Sarah Harris Town Clerk and Vicki Booth Assistant Town Clerk,

EC26/22 Apologies for absence – nil

EC27/22 Declarations of interest – no declarations were made.

EC28/22 Public Participation –

EC29/22 Minutes and Actions from Previous Meeting – No minutes were presented.

EC030/22 Event Planning for 2023 –

Coronation: Ideas were discussed if the event should be held centrally in the market place or if donations should be made to community groups. A giant bring your own picnic to have at tables and chairs supplied whilst watching the ceremony was discussed. Some sort of entertainment would be required and a road closure may be necessary.

Resolved: that members agreed that we could not exceed the £10,000 earmarked for the coronation event. Clerk to explore partners plans and costings and take to the next town council meeting.

Horticulture Show: The current horticulture show is not financially viable and only reaches a niche of people rather than a full community for families and groups.

Resolved: that members agreed that new ideas and costings need to be developed and to be discussed at the next committee.

Youth Awards: An outline of the reintroduction of the youth awards was discussed. There is a requirement to get local youth groups involved.

Resolved: that members agreed that the event was to be held before the end of the school year, that the event should be high end with red carpet and presentations. Clerk to make connections with organisations, progress the idea and take to next committee.

Velo: It was unresolved if the Velo would go through Bishop Auckland in 2023

Resolved: that members agreed that this is not something they want to pursue involvement in.

Christmas Town: members agreed that the 2022 event was very good but wanted to explore the idea of partnership format rather than us contributing a set pound amount. Discussions were had regarding a second snow globe, bigger ice rink and some new ideas for 2023.

Resolved: Clerk to speak to Baccanalia & Bridge creative about partnership ideas.