

EXMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL Festival and Events Working Party

Notes of the virtual meeting held at 1400 on Thursday 23rd February 2023 via zoom

Present

Cllr Joy Whipps (Chair)	JW	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Frank Cullis	FCu	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Olly Davey	OD	Exmouth Town Council
Cllr Steve Gazzard	SG	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Bowman	LB	Exmouth Town Council
Jess Magill	JM	Exmouth Town Council
Lisa Greenway	LG	Exmouth Town Council

Apologies:

Cllr Eileen Beech	EB	Exmouth Town Council
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1. Welcome, introductions and apologies (JW)

JW welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted apologies.

2. To approve the notes from the 26th of January 2023 and matters arising (JW)

The accuracy of the notes from the previous meeting were approved with no matters arising.

3. To discuss the Exmouth Festival (JM)

JM updated members that the Arts Council bid for 25K was successful which will contribute significantly to the festival fund. JM put in a proposal to Sideshore to support the event and they have agreed to contribute 8K and the new cultural officer at EDDC has agreed to contribute 5K, although this may not happen in the future. JM will also be putting in a bid to the British Ecological Society and the National Lottery Community.

JM intends to hold a tea party in the Manor Gardens on the Monday to include tables and chairs, vintage music, dancers, vintage crockery, and food. JW queried who would supply the tea and cake, JM advised that ETC will work with Bumble and Bee to provide the catering at a fair price, and this would be on a pre-order basis. JM confirmed that this event is not exclusive, and people would be welcome to bring their own food and drink.

LB has provided JM with Outreach Community Officers contact details to discuss a voucher scheme for families in need or isolated individuals to make family events more accessible. JW was keen for the vouchers to be handed out to people/families that were in need. JM had a meeting with Sylvia Arnott the Sheltered Housing Officer from EDDC housing who will be able to provide details of people that would benefit from this scheme and make sure the events cater to their needs.

JM has been discussing sustainability with Zoey Cooper the ETC Climate, Ecological Emergency and Community Resilience Officer to follow the EDDC sustainable event guidelines. JM is putting the onus on traders as part of their condition of trading is to use sustainable alternatives such as reusable cups, cardboard, and bamboo vegware.

JM confirmed that the programming is coming together and met with the production manager at Waggle Productions to discuss the event structure. JM has had several meetings including Pip and Debbie about the film event, ED King from Conference TV who will be live streaming the Manor Gardens event for free. JM advised that live streaming would allow people to watch the event from home or watched back afterwards.

FC wanted to make sure adequate bins were supplied to re-cycle the cups and vegware correctly and queried who would own the rights to the video, JM confirmed ETC would own the rights and can use and share the video however we choose. JW queried how permissions would be given for filming, JM confirmed that notices would be displayed at the entrances to notify people that the event was being filmed and all permissions will be discussed fully with the film company.

SG asked if any updates were available on fringe events being held in local pubs, JM had no updates available.

4. To discuss the Kings Coronation

LB confirmed that as the coronation conflicts with the elections, there is no capacity to organise an event, but we will make sure that Exmouth looks good. CJ has been looking at scope to put up coronation decorations around the town using our catenary wires. LB updated members that CJ has been researching plastic free coronation bunting and coronation festoon lighting as money is available in the Council's events budget for such items. LB advised that ETC has also been promoting and re-sharing details relating to the organisation of street parties on social media.

OD queried if the festoon lighting would be utilised as May brings lighter evenings but was keen on the bunting idea. SG and OD were impressed with the festoon lights along the seafront, LB confirmed that a section at beach gardens is missing as EDDC is replacing the light columns and a couple of bulbs are out but will be replaced in the next few weeks.

FC queried why we cannot put hanging baskets up anymore as there was an issue with the poles, LB confirmed that they were on lamp columns which are DCC assets and DCC no longer want them as they are heavy. SG was keen for flags to be on display for the coronation, LB confirmed that we have union jack flags and will be purchasing official coronation flags.

5. Any other business (All)

No other business.

6. Date of next meeting

23rd March 2023 @ 2pm

The meeting ended at 14:28