

**MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2004 AT 9.30pm, after the Interim Council meeting**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	Councillor	H. Cadd Mrs. P. Desorgher D. R. Isham R. Lehmann Mrs. P. Stevens P. Strain-Clark R. Stuchbury	(Mayor)
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For the Town Clerk Mrs. K. McElligott

*The Mayor took the Chair.*

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Ms.R. Newell and Ms. H. Saul.

**2004/1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr. Isham declared a personal interest in respect of the Craft Fair.

**2004/2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and carried unanimously that Cllr. Lehmann be elected Chairman of the Events Committee.

*Cllr. Lehmann took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.*

**2004/3 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Proposed by Cllr. Strain-Clark, seconded by Cllr. Stuchbury, and carried unanimously that Cllr. Newell be elected Vice-Chairman of the Events Committee. [Cllr. Newell had signified in writing that she was willing to stand for Vice-Chairman.]

**2004/4 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Members accepted the minutes of the last Town Centre & Events meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2004 and the last Environment Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2004, which had both been ratified at the Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

**2004/5 ACTION REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**5.1 Weekend in the Park**

Cllr. Strain-Clark gave a resume of this year's organisation of the Weekend in the Park which is being organised by AVDC with the support of the Town Council, and circulated a preliminary schedule of events. It was hoped that many of these would be self-funding, with tickets for major entertainments set at £5-£6. Some of the activities on offer are outside the Park itself but nearby. The arrangements have not yet been finalised.

Members discussed the responsibility and insurance cover for any long-term damage to the Park surfaces; it was thought the existing insurances held by the two Authorities were adequate. No formal agreement has been undertaken.

5.2 “Welcome to Buckingham” signs

No response had been received from the County Council.

**2004/6 SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The consensus was that the Festival had worked well, with the chairs and walkie-talkies provided by AVDC Leisure most useful.

The electricity cable and plug system used by the Street and Farmers’ Markets had proved to be damaged and was not used. Members agreed that the system should be checked over and repaired and charged against the Market revenue.

The power supply by Jardine’s was found to be waterfilled; AVDC will be asked to investigate why this was happening and to take measures to make the supply safe.

**ACTION THE CLERK**

**2004/7 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR VARIOUS EVENTS**

Councillors chose to be responsible or act as liaison as follows:

- Markets – Cllr. Stevens
  - Pancake Race – to be advised; Rotaract have indicated an interest
  - Craft Fair – Cllr. Strain-Clark
  - SAVE - Cllr. Newell
  - Buckingham in Bloom – Cllr. Newell
  - River Rinse - Cllr. Newell
  - Music Festival - Cllr. Strain-Clark
  - Charter Fair - Chairman & Cllr. Isham
  - Bonfire - to be advised – Cllr. Saul had expressed an interest
  - Christmas Lights/Tree/Carols – Chairman
  - Christmas Parade - Chairman
  - Community Fair - Chairman
  - Musical events - to be decided
  - Twinning Association – Cllrs. Strain-Clark
- Mr. & Mrs. Heywood would be approached for their views on the future of the Christmas Parade, having expressed a wish to give up the organisation of it.

**ACTION THE CHAIRMAN**

In response to a query - the trip to Mouvaux has been organised for October 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. Suggestions for a suitable gift for the Mayor to present were asked for.

**2004/8 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Cllr. Desorgher reported on the presentation given by Blachere Illuminations, which were very attractive. They had since emailed photomontages of their suggested scheme; these would be forwarded on to the Chairman, who would liaise with the Town Clerk over the detail of the proposal.

**ACTION THE CHAIRMAN/TOWN CLERK/COMMITTEE CLERK**

## **2004/9 MARKETS**

Cllr. Stevens reported no problems with the Markets; one trader had been reprimanded for hawking.

Members were asked to keep a check on the goods being sold on the Flea Market.

## **2004/10 CRAFT FAIR**

Cllr. Strain-Clark reported that three stallholders had cancelled; two of the tables had been filled, leaving one available at present.

## **2004/11 SAVE MONTH 2004**

The Clerk reported on two of the events:

The battery collection had been very well supported and appropriate arrangements had been made to characterise it as a Charity Collection thus obviating the need for a licence from the Environment Agency and a Trade Waste charge for disposing of the collection.

Enquiries made about a permanent collection box at the Town Council Offices indicated that a Waste Collection licence costing upwards of £600 would be necessary. Further information would be sought from Mr. Peeters of SAVE.

### **ACTION THE CLERK**

The Pedal in the Park had proved popular with the entrants; Buckingham Bikes had offered a 20% discount off cycle helmets in co-operation with the event, and should it be repeated in 2005 had offered a "Check your Bike" station at the starting area, and possibly further help. Members suggested asking the Police if they could attend with the postcoding service for cycles. The County Council's Road Safety Officer had been most helpful, with safety leaflets and a display, and free activity books to give away to participants.

## **2004/12 BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM 2004**

### **12.1 Private and School entries**

The Clerk reported few entries as yet; the *Buckingham Advertiser* reporter Mark Pendred had been appointed their representative, and had promised to try and get some publicity into the paper.

The judges for the competition would be the Chairman and Cllr. Desorgher and Mr. Pendred; Cllr. Newell would be asked if she wished to join the panel.

### **12.2 Business competition (Env. Minute 956)**

Members had decided that the whole aspect of a business would be considered by the judges, not just the floral display. It was suggested that the Business Park be included as well as Town Centre business premises.

The Chairman will draw up criteria and recommendations.

### **ACTION THE CHAIRMAN**

## **2004/13 RIVER RINSE**

The Environment Agency have indicated their intention to dredge the river from the Tingewick Road Industrial Estate to the by-pass at Bourton, starting probably in August.

If this took place the River Rinse would be transferred to the stream behind Meadway, which has considerable amounts of debris in it.

**2004/14 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

There were no Chairman's Items.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

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