MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th AUGUST 2008 AT 7.05PM

PRESENT Councillors T. Bloomfield

Mrs. P. Desorgher

D. Isham A. Mahi H. Mordue

R. Newell (Vice Chairman)

M. Smith H. Cadd P. Stevens

Co-opted Member Mr. M. Foster, Buck'm Traders' Assoc^{n.}

Clerk to the meeting Miss L. Fahey

Cllr. Mordue chaired the meeting.

581/2008 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor R. Stuchbury.

582/2008 DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

Cllr. Newell (Vice Chair) arrived and chaired the rest of the meeting.

583/2008 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members accepted the minutes of the last meeting held on 23rd June 2008, which were ratified at the Council meeting held on 21st July 2008.

584/2008 ACTION REPORTS AND UPDATES

584.1 (565.2) Youth Art Project

The Chairman's report was circulated with the Agenda.

584.2 (565.3) Youth Drama Project

The Chairman's report was circulated with the Agenda.

584.3 (565.6) Plastic Bag Free Town

Cllr. Newell gave the Committee an update and then circulated a draft charter letter for information.

584.4 (565.10) Band Jam – 24th August 2008

The Chairman's report was circulated with the Agenda.

Cllr. Newell agreed to seek an alternative barbeque provider.

ACTION CLLR. NEWELL

584.5 (563) River Rinse – 14th September 2008 ~ 10.30am – 12.30pm

Proposed by Cllr. Newell, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** that the first River Rinse on Sunday 14th September 2008 will be from the Green Bridge in Cornwall's Meadow Car Park up to Ford Street.

Cllrs. Newell and Bloomfield will liaise with the Chairman regarding a Press Release.

ACTION CLLRS. NEWELL/ BLOOMFIELD/ STUCHBURY

585/2008 (568) BUCKINGHAM IN BLOOM 2008 RESULTS

Cllr. Mordue announced the results:

1st place - "Clearly Speaking" c/o the Youth Centre ~ £75 worth of garden vouchers. 2nd place - Bourton Meadow School ~ £50 worth of garden vouchers.

The Deputy Town Clerk would arrange the garden vouchers and certificates and the Mayor and Cllr. Newell would present the awards in September.

ACTION DEPUTY CLERK/ CLLRS. MORDUE & NEWELL

586/2008 (573) TO RECEIVE A REVIEW ON THE BUCKINGHAM FESTIVAL FORTNIGHT

The Chairman's report was circulated with the Agenda. A review meeting is being held on 20th August 2008 and a report will be given at the next meeting.

587/2008 (574) TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE 2008 CHARTER FAIR

The Chairman's report was circulated with the Agenda.

588/2008 (575) TO RECEIVE A UPDATE ON THE 2008 BONFIRE & FIREWORK DISPLAY

Cllr. Mahi informed Members that everything was in hand. The Deputy Town Clerk would book the generator/lighting from Paragon and the Army/Air Cadets. The Mayor would organise the torches.

ACTION DEPUTY CLERK / CLLR. MORDUE

589/2008 TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION THE COST OF AUDIO SERVICES

Members were informed that a quotation had been received and accepted for the PA services for Council Events.

590/2008 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE 2009 ROAD CLOSURE ORDER COSTS

The Deputy Town Clerk circulated a report explaining the issues with recent costings, along with a price for the 2009 Road Closure order.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Cadd and AGREED to accept the price.

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591/2008 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM MITRE STREET REGARDING ROAD CLOSURE ORDER

The letter was circulated with the Agenda. Members discussed whether it was feasible or practical to include a private Road Closure with the Town Council's application. The Clerk would liaise with the Mitre Street resident and would seek clarification of the legality of inclusion with the Town Council's application.

ACTION THE DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

592/2008 TO RECEIVE A COMPLAINT REGARDING LACK OF PARKING IN THE CATTLE PEN BAYS WHEN EVENTS ARE ON

Details of the complaint from a High Street resident had been included on the Chairman's report and circulated with the Agenda. Members discussed the issues raised at length.

Proposed by Cllr. Cadd, seconded by Cllr. Isham, and **AGREED** that this Committee would take no further action with this complaint.

593/2008 TO DISCUSS AND AGREE DESIGNATED AUTHORITY TO THE CHAIRMAN/ VICE CHAIRMAN/MAYOR TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Proposed by the Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Smith, and **AGREED** to give designated authority to the Chairman/Vice Chairman/Mayor regarding Christmas Lights.

ACTION CHAIRMAN/ VICE CHAIRMAN/ MAYOR

594/2008 TO RECEIVE A LETTER FOR INFORMATION FROM THE BUCKINGHAM FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA

The letter was circulated with the Agenda. Members agreed that Mr Wighton would be added to the circulation list for Grants and a form would be sent out in October.

595/2008 TO DISCUSS THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2008 (BALC) RESULTS

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that Buckingham had won the Michaelis Cup and the Sword of Excellence. Notices of the award had been displayed in the A-Board, Council windows and the plasma screen. A letter would be sent to North End Nurseries thanking them for the beautiful hanging baskets and to notify them we have won these awards. A presentation to the Mayor and the Events Chairman will take place on 6th September at 2pm by the Swan Girl statue. The Committee expressed their thanks to Mrs. McElligott and Mr. R. Calder and Mr. C. Calder, the Caretakers, for all their hard work.

Mr. Foster left the meeting.

596/2008 (576) MARKET REPORTS

596.1 Street Market

Cllr. Smith reported that the front page article in last week's *Advertiser* was not as planned and a follow up article would appear in this or next week's paper.

The Committee expressed concern that the geranium planters in the Bull Ring were being moved by the stall holder and Cllr. Stevens agreed to speak to the trader to explain that the Council did not want them moved.

596.2 Flea Market

No report

596.3 Farmers' Market

No report

596.4 Continental Market

No report

<u>597/2008 (577) MARKET SUB GROUP</u>

597.1 Market Sub Group Report

The Market Sub Group notes from 26th July 2008 were circulated by E-mail in advance of the Events meeting. The next meeting is 16th August at 10am and the "Floating Members" are Cllrs. Cadd and Isham.

597.2 To agree the drafting of a policy for the operation of the Street Market
This will be drafted and brought back to the next meeting for discussion and agreement.

<u>598/2008 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS</u>

The Vice Chairman read a letter to the Committee from a Member of the public applauding us on the wonderful range of Events put on by the Town Council and expressing positive response regarding the floral displays around the Town.

The Committee agreed that the Mayor would respond thanking them for this letter.

ACTION THE MAYOR

| Meeting closed at 8.00 pm. | |
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| CHAIRMAN | DATE |