

TCE/07/21

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Centre and Events Committee of Buckingham Town Council held on 7th February 2022 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham.

Present:

Cllr. R. Ahmed
Cllr. F. Davies
Cllr. Mrs. M Gateley (Town Mayor)
Cllr. S. Hetherington
Cllr. A. Mahi Vice Chair
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue
Cllr. R. Stuchbury Chair
Cllr. R. Willett
Mr. D. Jones (co-opted member) via Zoom

Also attending:

Mr. P. Hodson	Town Clerk
Cllr. M. Cole JP	
Cllr. J. Harvey	
Cllr. H. Mordue	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. M. Try	
Cllr. W. Whyte	
Mrs. A. Brubaker	Events Co-ordinator
Mrs. N. Stockill	Estates Administrator
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public, who has been a part of Music in the Market for ten years, attended the meeting to speak in favour of moving Music in the Market to Buckingham Rugby Club.

A member of public, a local town centre business owner, attended the meeting to speak in favour of Music in the Market remaining in the town centre.

Cllr. Stuchbury thanked the residents for attending the Public Session and invited them to remain while Members discussed the location of Music in the Market 2022 during agenda item 3.

617/21 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were made.

618/21 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

619/21 Music in the Market

To discuss and agree a location for 2022's Music in the Market event.

Proposal: to keep Music in the Market in the town centre.

A report received from the Town Clerk and another from Mr J. Howarth and Ms. S. Smith, Music in the Market organisers, were considered by the committee.

The Town Clerk placed the motion in context: Music in the Market was moved to the Rugby Club in 2021 due to extraordinary circumstances. This was a very successful event and as a result has culminated in this situation. There may also be opportunities to link with the Rugby Club and local businesses for future planned events (40 programmed).

Councillors agreed that the event was a success in 2021 and expressed gratitude to the Rugby Club but acknowledged that holding the event in the town is valuable for local businesses, that the town centre is equidistant to the main estates and that moving the event to the Rugby Club takes business away from the town centre.

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 5

Abstentions: 1

Motion carried

ACTION EVENTS COORDINATOR

The Town Clerk reminded members that sub-committees will take place for the Fringe Week and Platinum Jubilee Weekend which will provide recommendations for the Committee to consider at its next full meeting, to be held on Monday 21st February 2022.

Members of the public left the chamber at 19.34

Exclusion of Public and Press

620/21 The Chair proposed to hold agenda item 4 in public, despite the papers being confidential, provided no detailed commercial information about quotes provided was divulged. Members agreed to continue on that basis, and the item was discussed in public.

620/21 Welcome Back Fund

The Committee received and discussed a report from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk declared an interest as a member of the Brackley Morris Men.

Members **AGREED** the recommendations to:

- 1.1. It is **RECOMMENDED** that members agree for the Council to receive Welcome Back Funding for the projects listed below, to be processed through the one-off event budget code 303 4273:

Project item	Cost
Giant deck chair	£700
Twinning Market Entertainment – Mime	£433
Twinning Market Entertainment - Morris Dancers	£100
Twinning Market Entertainment – Band	£1,144
4 x Gazebo	£1,692
500 Foodie Maps of Buckingham	£76
Food Fair – Hire of smoothie bikes	£395
TOTAL	£4,540

Cllr. O'Donoghue requested that the same policy as for the current gazebos be applied, i.e. that a deposit is required.

Cllr. O'Donoghue requested that more local suppliers of Smoothie Bikes be investigated.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Donoghue and seconded by Cllr. Mahi for the Council to receive Welcome Back Funding for the projects listed above, to be processed through the one-off event budget code 303 4273.

A vote was taken and the results were:

In favour: 7

Abstention: 1

Motion carried **ACTION TOWN CLERK**

621/21 Chair's Items

No items.

622/21 Date of the next meeting: Monday 21st February 2022

Meeting closed at 19.43pm

Signed

Date