

**Minutes of the Events Advisory Committee of Dronfield Town Council
Meeting held on 15th February 2023 at 10:00am in the
Council Chamber, Civic Hall, Dronfield**

Present: Cllr. S. Burkitt, Cllr R Welton and Cllr. A Powell

In attendance: J Mitchell (Town Clerk), M. Keys (Assistant Town Clerk), L Stonehouse (Projects and Communications Officer), and R. Dick (Outside Services Manager)

1. Apologies

Cllr M Emmens and Cllr R Hall sent their apologies.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Events Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22nd November 2022 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Any items for exclusion of the public

There were no items for discussion which required the public to be excluded.

5. Christmas

The Projects and Communication Officer gave feedback on the Christmas Light Switch on Event from 2022.

Plans were then discussed for 2023 Christmas events including the following:

- Reducing the number of Christmas trees placed around town, keeping trees at the following sites: Library Gardens, Sindelfingen Park, Coal Aston and the train station.
- Liaise with Sports Centre, possibility of hiring the sports hall
- Organising a 'Councillor Clear Up' day after the event.
- Moving the rides to the Library Car Park and the Food Stalls to be located in the Civic Centre Car Park.
- Due to high volume of visitors in the Civic Hall during the Christmas Light Switch On, research monitoring/restricting the number of entrants for future events.

Members discussed the plans for the road closures and car park closures for the 2023 Christmas Light Switch On.

It was RESOLVED to forward two preferences to the relevant departments at NEDDC:

- Preference A - Closure of High Street from Gosforth Lane to Soaper Lane
- Preference B - Closure from Peel Monument to Soaper Lane

6. HM King Charles III Coronation

Members discussed plans for the Coronation. Members were informed that the Scouts Association had offered their services as part of the 'The Big Help Out' on the Bank Holiday Monday.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to make available the Dronfield parks for members of the public to hold 'The Big Lunch' on Sunday 7th May 2023.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to Council to accept the Scouts offer of their services to undertake a Litter Pick as part of 'The Big Help Out' to help clean up in the parks on Monday 8th May 2023.

7. Extreme Wheels

Members were updated on the Extreme Wheels booking for 2023. The Town Clerk informed members that they are still awaiting a final decision on the 29-week booking. To date Extreme Wheels have guaranteed 10 weeks and we are awaiting an update from them at the end of February 2023 as to whether they can fulfil the other 19 weeks requested by the Council.

It was RESOLVED to look at other BMX participation groups whilst waiting on this decision.

8. 50th Anniversary Gosforth Valley

Members discussed various ways of celebrating the 50th anniversary of Gosforth Valley. Several options were discussed.

It was RESOLVED to refer this to the Parks Advisory Committee to discuss combining the Opening Event of the refurbished park and the Anniversary on a date to be confirmed.

9. Dronfield Gala

The Projects and Communications Officer gave the following update on the 2023 Dronfield Gala:

- Hire of the following rides this year.
 - Trampolines
 - Wipeout
 - The Biggest Mega Slide
- Confirmed use of small marque for musical performances throughout the Gala.
- Permission granted from William Lee for the use of their Car Park
- Several stalls have already confirmed their attendance, letters to stall holders to be sent out last week in February.
- Performance Arena – four performance group will be invited to perform at the Gala this year these will be Sheffield Concert Band, Miniver Dance Academy, Dance Dronfield and Ladies Voices.

10. Date of Next Meeting

It was RESOLVED to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 10:00 am.

The meeting closed at 11:01 am