

**Minutes of the Events Advisory Committee of Dronfield Town Council**  
**Meeting held on 4th March 2025 at 10:00 am in the Council Chamber, Dronfield**

**Present:** Cllr M. Emmens (Chair), Cllr S Burkitt, Cllr M Ireland, and Cllr P Jones,

**In attendance:** M. Keys (Assistant Clerk), L. Stonehouse (Projects and Communications Officer) and P. Duncan (Outside Services Team Leader)

**1. Apologies**

Cllr C Smith sent her apologies.

**2.. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**3.. Approval of minutes**

Members received a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Events Advisory Committee Meeting held on the 11th of February 2025 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. VE Day**

Members discussed the plans for the VE Day 80th Anniversary.

The members were informed by the Projects and Communications Officer that she had been in contact with Reverend Gore who had proposed that we set a date for a meeting between the Reverends and the Events Committee members to discuss the plans for VE/VJ day in further detail.

It was RESOLVED to contact Andy Gore to ask him to attend the next Events Committee meeting.

The Projects and Communications Officers informed the members that the hymn 'I vow to thee my country' is to be sung at 9:30 pm to coincide with the beacons being lit.

It was RESOLVED to note this and add the hymn words to the VE day programme.

**6. Christmas Lights Switch On 2025**

Members discussed the various options for road/carpark closures for this year's Christmas Lights Switch On.

It was RESOLVED to invite Lara Nutter, Tourism and Events Officer at NEDDC to the next Events Committee meeting to discuss the plans in more detail.

Members reviewed quotes for the hiring of Security for the Christmas Lights Switch On 2025.

This was deferred until the next meeting.

Members reviewed the plans for the location of Santa's Sleigh.

It was resolved to defer this matter until the next meeting due to uncertainty regarding space.

**11. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is yet to be agreed.

The meeting closed at 10.58 am