

Minutes of the Events Advisory Committee of Dronfield Town Council
Meeting held on 29th April 2025 at 10:00 am in the Main Hall, Civic Hall, 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) plus L. Nutter (NEDDC) and A. Powell (Dronfield Barn)

1. Apologies

Cllr C Smith did not attend.

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 25th of March 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Christmas Lights Switch On 2025

Lara Nutter, Tourism & Events Officer from NEDDC joined the meeting.

Alan Powell Deputy Chairman at Dronfield Hall Barn joined the meeting.

Members were updated on the road/carpark closures for this year's Christmas Lights Switch on by the Lara Nutter the Tourism and Events Officer at NEDDC.

- Dronfield Sports centre have agreed to move the swimming lessons/buses to a different day
- DCC have agreed to re-route the buses for the duration of the event
- Advised to hire Portaloo's for the event
- Decision on road/car park closure should come through by May 2025
- Advised to put road closure signs up two weeks before the event
- Advised to increase the level of security

5. VE Day 80th Anniversary

Members were informed about the plans for VE Day.

Cllr Pam Jones confirmed that she will read Churchill's 1945 victory in Europe speech.

It was RESOLVED to note this update.

Members were informed that Help for Heros will be setting up their gazebo close to the veteran seating.

It was RESOLVED to note this update.

6. Dronfield Gala 2025

The Projects and Communication Officer gave an update on the Gala for 2025. Members were updated on the current number of stalls, outside attractions, and food stands.

5 x Charity stalls

10 x Commercial stalls

10 x Food and drink stalls

It was RESOLVED to note this update.

The Projects and Communication Officer informed members Shine Choir had offered to play for free at the Gala.

It was RESOLVED to thank them for their enquiry, but Ladies Voices are already confirmed to perform this year. We will add them to our contact list for future opportunities

7. Civic Service

Members discussed the date for this year's Civic Service.

It was RESOLVED to hold the Civic Service on the last Sunday in September going forward, so for 2025 will be 28th September.

Alan Powell provided the group with an update on the ten-year anniversary of Dronfield Hall Barn, listing all upcoming events and discussing their ongoing relationship with Dronfield Town Council.

Lara Nutter left the meeting.

Alan Powell left the meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 11:20 am.