

Minutes of the Events Advisory Committee of Dronfield Town Council
Meeting held on 10th December 2024 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber, Dronfield

Present: Cllr M Emmens (Chair), Cllr M Ireland, Cllr C Smith and Cllr P Jones

In attendance: M. Keys (Assistant Clerk), L. Stonehouse (Projects and Communications Officer)

1. Apologies

Cllr S Burkitt 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 5th of November 2024 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. Remembrance Day Parade

Members gave good feedback on the Remembrance Day Event and thanks were passed on to all the staff involved in organising the event.

The Project and Communications Officer informed the members that we received several emails from residents regarding their inability to hear the service this year.

It was RESOLVED to revert to the previous sound system and explore using Bluetooth speakers attached to lampposts/trees.

6. Christmas Light Switch On

The Projects and Communication Officer gave feedback on the Christmas Light Switch-On event from 2024.

Plans were then discussed for 2025 Christmas events including the following:

- To apply for full closure of the Civic Centre Car Park
- To increase security personnel from four to ten.
- To write to the Police & Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire Police requesting an increased police presence at the event.
- Arrange a meeting between the Events Committee and the Rotary Club to discuss the arrangements for Rotary's Santa attending the Christmas Lights Switch on in more detail.
- Purchase a light-up star for the Christmas Tree at Sindelfingen Park.

It was RESOLVED to note this feedback.

Members discussed the offer from NEDDC for a donation of a Pavillion Marquee. The Members thanked NEDDC for this kind offer but feel as though Dronfield Town Council already has a marquee and that the funds would be better allocated to refurbishing the Library Gardens, prioritising the restoration of the lighting.

It was RESOLVED to note this feedback.

7. Dronfield Gala 2025

Members reviewed the plans for the annual Dronfield Gala event to be held next year.

The Project and Communications Officer gave feedback that the face painter 'Glitter Studio' and Made It VR have been booked for next year's Gala.

It was RESOLVED to draw up a list of food stalls and community groups and contact them with the possibility of inviting them to have a stall or perform in the arena.

8. Extreme Wheels

Members discussed the venue of the Extreme Wheels BMX Pro Show for next year.

It was RESOLVED to hold the Extreme Wheels booking in the car park behind Coal Aston Village Hall in 2025.

9. Date of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 11.00 am.