

A MEETING OF THE CULTURE & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Held on	Wednesday 31 st January, at 4 pm. Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.
Members Summoned and Present:	Members Summoned and Present: Cllrs Bryan Knickerbocker, Nicola Smith, Adrian Sparkes, Nina Swift and Laura Wolfers
Absent:	Cllr Terry Napper
Officers Present:	Danielle Price, Assistant Clerk – Community Engagement (ACCE)
In attendance:	S. Cullen (Alfred Gillett Trust) & Cllr Andy Leafe (to be ratified as a member of the committee at Full Council 20 th Feb 2024).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public question time

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern. *Note: The Council is unable to make formal decisions under public question time, but items raised may be recommended for consideration at a future meeting.*

No public attended this meeting.

The committee meeting commenced at 4:04 pm

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Napper.

2. Declarations of interests and grant of dispensations

Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted.
Councillor Sparkes recommended his position on the Merriman Park Community Group Committee.

3. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: Councillor Laura Wolfers was elected Chair of the Committee and Councillor Nicola Smith was elected as Vice Chair of the Committee for the remainder of 2024's term.

Councillor Bryan Knickerbocker arrived for the meeting at approximately 4:07pm

4. Culture & Events Committee Terms of Reference

RESOLVED: To RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the Terms of Reference with the condition to amend the reference to budget under “delegated powers” and to subsequently ratify via Policy & Finance on 6th February and then later at Full Council on 20th February 2024.

5. Somerset Association of Local Council’s Community Fund

RESOLVED:

- i) That ACCE proceed with a meeting with the decision-maker at Somerset Association of Local Councils (SALC) to get advice on making a successful application to the Community Fund of up to £35k.
- ii) ACCE will liaise with partners in Street to identify ways of collaborating on community enhancement initiatives to inform the context for the rationale for the grant application via SALC.
- iii) Members will pass on their suggestions for local organisations via email.
- iv) ACCE to research tourist information boards; digital screens and use of QR codes to encourage residents and visitors to learn about the history of Street and feedback at the next meeting on Wednesday 28th February 2024.

6. Street Festive Market Debrief

RESOLVED:

- i) ACCE to complete a Traffic Restriction Order application for Saturday 7th December 2024 requesting to close the High Street (past the Bayliss Centre) and Farm Road only.
- ii) ACCE will meet with a Glastonbury Carnival Club and Somerset Council’s Road Traffic Management team on Monday 19th February 2024 to confirm costs and review the new process for actioning road closures.
- iii) ACCE will explore extending the hours of the event so that visitors can enjoy late night shopping and maximise the festive aesthetic of the stalls and shop window displays.

7. Street’s Festive Lighting Debrief and Plan for 2024

RESOLVED:

- i) ACCE to organise a meeting with Blachere and members to discuss the feedback of 2023’s festive scheme and consider plans for using the festive lighting budget most effectively for 2024.
- ii) Officers to keep an up-to-date list of potential suppliers.

Councillor Bryan Knickerbocker left the meeting abruptly at 5:12pm.

The meeting was adjourned at this point and restarted at 5:17pm

8. Discover Your Community

RESOLVED:

- i) ACCE will enquire as to whether there is any flexibility on Saturday dates with Crispin Hall, to pull forward on the proposed date of Saturday 27th April, and seek out an alternative location for the event if this is not possible.

- ii) The members will share their suggestions for community organisations and initiatives locally to invite for the occasion, themed around Health & Wellbeing, with ACCE via email.
- iii) That the autumn event focuses on accessibility in the village with the title "Access Street".

9. Interpretation Boards and Digital Displays

AGREED that the discussions for item 5 regarding: Somerset Association of Local Council's Community Fund were already sufficiently covered.

10. Hight Street Enhancements including Hanging Baskets & Banners

RESOLVED:

- i) Office to follow up with EM Print to go ahead on the reprint and install the silhouette banners as soon as possible.
- ii) ACCE to create a poll for social media regarding public opinion on the hanging baskets to help inform future plans.

11. Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting

RESOLVED that ACCE adds the following items to the next committee agenda:

- i) Somerset Day 2024.
- ii) Bicentenary of Clarks including creating a Task & Finish Group for all council members to be able to join.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Street Parish Council's Culture & Events Committee will take place at:

4pm on Wednesday 28th February 2024 at Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:44 pm.