

A MEETING OF THE CULTURE & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Held on Wednesday 24th April 2024, at 4 pm. Room 20, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.

Members Summoned and Present: Terry Napper, Nicola Smith (Vice Chair), Adrian Sparkes, Nina Swift and Laura Wolfers (Chair).

Absent: Cllr Andy Leafe

Officers Present: Danielle Price, Assistant Clerk – Community Engagement (ACCE)

Members Present as Cllr Pam Birch

Guest:

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 RESOLVED for consideration at a future meeting.*

A resident attended the meeting and put forward their suggestions for creating a unique event opportunity for Street, to carve out a distinct identity for the village. It was proposed the event should build on the values and attributes of the village (beyond some of the already established institutions). The idea is the event would promote community cohesion and help foster strong relationships between local businesses, organisations and residents; creating an inclusive, mutually supportive and beneficial connection for the village, its infrastructure and residents.

They suggested holding a Fringe-style Festival which could incorporate a wide array of different features appealing to all demographics. It was mutually acknowledged this would take some time to develop and manage before executing, but it was felt that this would be something to build upon and that local businesses and venues could take a lead role in supporting and implementing.

N.b. The committee would like to flesh out some ideas and costings before taking anything to full council and a follow up meeting has been arranged for 10th May 2024 with Committee members and the resident in question.

It was also recommended by the resident that Street Parish Council consider renaming themselves to “Street Community Council” or the like in order to appeal more widely to residents, particularly the younger generations.

The committee meeting commenced at 4:15 pm

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andy Leafe.

2. Declarations of interests and grant of dispensations

Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted.

Cllr Smith declared being a non-voting member of Merriman Park Community Group.

3. Discover Your Community (DYC) Event Debrief

RESOLVED:

- i) The Office to liaise on a specific budget for DYC, to get approved by Policy & Finance at the November meeting. Decisions on this will be deferred until after the Autumn event has been delivered.
- ii) A newsletter to be costed for printing and distributions costs and structured into the workflow of the office offering signposting and information relating to SPC events, useful contacts and organisations in Street, which will be presented at a future full council meeting.

4. Annual Village Meeting (AVM) Debrief

RESOLVED:

- i) The format of the next meeting to be designed in a “speed dating” style to enable a better interaction between councillors and residents in attendance and maximise engagement for public consultation etc.
- ii) The SPC newsletter will be used (and timed accordingly) to help promote the AVM to residents and enable the hardest to reach and non-digital users to access the

The meeting was closed at 4:36pm and reopened at 4:37pm

5. Community Awards and Investiture

RESOLVED:

- i) That a prominent and active local figure has been confirmed as compere and Crispin School Choir to open the event.
- ii) The Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to the Volunteer Library Co-ordinator.
- iii) The Young Citizen of the Year Award will be presented to four young people who volunteer at the Crispin Community Kitchen Sunday Lunches.
- iv) The Community Award will be presented to a local business in support of Merriman Park Community Group.
- v) That all those nominated will receive a certificate to honour their contributions (ACCE to design and distribute).
- vi) ACCE to explore options for sponsorship with local cider and apple juice suppliers for the drink after the event.
- vii) That crisps and some basic nibbles to be offered rather than a buffet which will ensure there is not excessive spending while under a very tight budget.
- viii) For all budgets for all events to be identified for P&F and identified at a line-by-line costing moving forward.

The meeting was closed at 4:41pm and reopened at 4:42pm

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6. Merriman Park Fun Day 2024 – Saturday 7th September 2024
RESOLVED: That SPC be made aware of the fact some prominent figures running the Fun Day are stepping down and that alternative responsibilities will need to be acquired for the Fun Day to have longevity. *It is to be noted that currently SPC does not envisage it has the resource or means to take the event on.*
7. Clarks' 200th Anniversary 2025
RESOLVED: That the committee liaise with partners at Clarks HQ in order to support their view of proceedings for the 200th anniversary celebrations.
8. Councillor Surgeries/attendance at Street's Thursday Markets
RESOLVED: That the opportunity is explored by members who have been proponents and in full support of this initiative.
9. Levelling Up Housing & Communities Funding Opportunity
RESOLVED: That ACCE confirmed the paperwork for the outline plans had been submitted and further instructions would be received from Somerset Council in due course.
10. Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting
RESOLVED: That the possibility of a "Busk Stop" might be introduced in Street High Street, on receipt of a Motion Request Form which can be taken to Full Council and developed via Culture & Events if supported.
11. Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Culture and Events Committee to take place at: 4pm on **Wednesday 29th May 2024** at Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:45 pm.