

A MEETING OF THE CULTURE & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Held on	Wednesday 28 th August 2024, at 4 pm. Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.
Members Summoned and Present:	Alison Horgan, Nicola Smith, Nina Swift and Laura Wolfers (Chair).
Absent:	Pam Birch, Andy Leafe, Terry Napper and Adrian Sparkes.
Officers Present:	Danielle Price, Assistant Clerk – Community Engagement (ACCE)
By invitation:	Representatives from the Merriman Park Community Group including: Cllr Simon Carswell, David Atkins, Peter Hopwood and Sally Wood. Sam Cullen from the Alfred Gillett Trust

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public question time

There were no speakers for Public Question Time.

The committee meeting commenced at 4:00 pm

MINUTES

13. Apologies for absence

RESOLVED: to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Birch, Leafe, Napper and Sparkes as per LGA 1972 s85(1).

14. Declarations of Interests and Grant of Dispensations

To receive any Declarations of Interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464.

Note: this does not preclude any later declarations.

RESOLVED: The group noted the position of Cllr Smith as a non-voting member of the Merriman Park Community Group.

15. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Culture and Events Committee meeting held on Wednesday 24th July (circulated), direction was given for the minutes to be signed by the Chairman. LGA 1972, Schedule 12, paragraph 41(1).

Please note any suggested changes to the minutes needs to be proposed and approved at Full Council.

N.b. Due to the discursive nature of the meeting involving external guests and in the spirit of collaboration, it was agreed by all members that it was not necessary to constantly close and open the meeting, so as to enable a smoother dialogue and sharing of ideas.

16. Merriman Park Fun Day – Saturday 7th September 2024 & Beyond

RESOLVED: That the Merriman Park Community Group and ACCE gave a verbal update to confirm all was in hand for the Fun Day to take place. It was considered best practice to leave the ongoing discussions and future planning until after the event itself had taken place.

Cllr Wolfers gave a special thanks to D. Atkins for his impeccable leadership of the Fun Day to date.

17. Skate Park Banner

RESOLVED:

- i) ACCE to feedback on the artwork which was very well received and liaise with printing services on quotations for durable and sustainable options for printing the final version.
- ii) ACCE will also contact SLH Services to discuss dimensions for display and installation of the banners on completion.

18. Discover Your Community – Access Street – Saturday 28th September 2024

RESOLVED:

- i) That the members of the committee will continue to email directly to ACCE any suggestions for filling the final tables for the event.
- ii) ACCE will contact the musicians who performed at the Community Awards & Investiture to invite them to open the event and provide entertainment.
- iii) ACCE to create and circulate a questionnaire for the day which the group will provide feedback on prior to the event taking place.

19. 200th Anniversary – Notre-Dame-de-Gravenchon

RESOLVED: Street Parish Council (SPC) and the Alfred Gillette Trust/Shoemakers Museum will collaborate on two mementos for both Street and Notre-Dame-de-Gravenchon in celebration of their 200th anniversary to coincide with the bicentenary of Clarks. The designs will be created to celebrate the rich industrial history of both places and use inspiration from former gifts i.e. the tapestry from 1987 which hangs in the Parish Rooms.

20. Street Festive Market

RESOLVED:

- i) To explore options for creating a “music map” for the event by encouraging local businesses to host musicians/entertainment throughout the event.
- ii) ACCE to contact various street entertainers to seek availability and invite to the event.
- iii) The group will approach shopkeepers to promote festive shop window displays and festive dress to generate a more immersive experience for visitors.
- iv) N. Swift will conduct and organise the shop window competition again after their former successes arranging this.
- v) ACCE to follow up with partners to get buy in for donating prizes for the day to be awarded from the SPC stall.

21. Busking in Street

RESOLVED: ACCE to contact Glastonbury Town Council to ask permission to use their content and tailor to Street's identity and vision for potentially offering busking opportunities.

22. Funding Opportunities

RESOLVED: ACCE to continue researching available funding and produce a report for a future C&E Cttee meeting. This will include the £4,000 amount available via Wessex Water.

23. Puppet Emporium

RESOLVED: ACCE to thank the organisation or getting in touch and to share contact details of the organisation with S. Cullen (AGT/Shoemakers Museum), as they would like to consider booking them for a future event.

24. Cultural Events - October & November 2024

RESOLVED:

- i) As October is Black History Month in the UK, it was agreed that this should shape the content throughout that month with inspiration to be taken from AGT content which has previously been curated.
- ii) ACCE and S. Cullen to collaborate on social media posts and all credit will be acknowledged for the shared content including logos for AGT and/or Shoemakers Museum accordingly.
- iii) November's content will highlight Men's Health Awareness Month, as well as Veterans Day (with Street specific heritage captured); Universal Children's Day and National Entrepreneur's Day.

25. Update on Outstanding Items from Previous Meetings. Report from ACCE:

- ACCE and A. Horgan agreed to team up to restore the Brookside Mural in the High Street.
- ACCE to email Clarks HQ contact with L. Wolfers' details as Chair of the Street & Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce.
- ACCE to chase up children's shoe fitting and try to arrange a meeting to discuss the service returning to Street.

26. Freshers' Fair

RESOLVED: That ACCE, A. Horgan and N. Swift would attend the fair and distribute newsletters as well as interacting with the new cohort of students with a view to engage more actively with the younger residents of the village.

27. Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting

RESOLVED: to include the following items on the August committee agenda (some of which were deferred from the minutes from the June meeting):

* Interpretation/Digital Display Boards incl. local business advertising.

* Community Awards & Investiture – committee to agree on a recommendation for Full Council regarding (any) future catering of the event.

* Steps required for enabling specialist/expert partners to join and vote as part of the committee.

28. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Culture and Events Committee will take place at: 4pm on **Wednesday 24th September 2024** at Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 5:48 pm.