



Broadstairs & St Peter's Town Council

Events, Leisure & Tourism Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 February 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Pierremont Hall

Present: Cllrs M. Garner (Chairman), J. Bright (Vice Chair), J Hobson, A Munns, C Kemp.

Officers: Kirsty Holroyd – Town Clerk Simone Clifford, Events Administrator.

136. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME/OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Cllr Garner reminded those present of the following: The right to record, film or broadcast any meetings of the Council, committees and subcommittees is established following the Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

137. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies with reason from Cllrs Leys and Roberts were received and accepted by resolution of the committee.

138. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

139. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 can be approved and duly signed as a true record by the Chairman.

140. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

None were received.

141. QUESTIONS AND/OR OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ELECTORATE OF BROADSTAIRS AND ST PETER'S

None.

142. FOLK WEEK

Members received a proposal to use Pierremont Hall for the duration of the festival under the Community Groups' discounted and free of charge offer.

RESOLVED:

- **That the community discount (weekday rate) be applied over Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 August.**

- That the fee will be charged from 10am until 8pm to allow set up and clear down times.
- That Folk Week will run a commercial bar during these times.
- That the Community Free offer will be applied from Monday to Friday.
- The Town Council will run a bar Monday to Friday to limit financial loss.

143. GRANTS

- i) Members received an update on grants allocated to date 2024-2025
RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.
- ii) Members received an update on grants allocated to date 2025-2026
RESOLVED: Members agreed to note.
- iii) Members received new applications
 - East Kent College – Broadstairs - £7896 for purchase of Ridan food waste composter for use and benefit of the whole community.
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved.
 - Broadstairs Cricket Club - £1800 for school coaching sessions
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved and the money released once firm plans with named schools submitted.
 - Pie Factory Music - £5000 for staffing youth sessions
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved.
 - Broadstairs Water Gala - £8000 for costs of staging the event
RESOLVED: That a grant of £5000 be approved.
 - Broadstairs Summer Fireworks - £11500 for costs of staging the events
RESOLVED: That a grant of £10,000 be approved.
 - Neurodivergent Friends CIC - £5810 for costs piloting Creative Connections Club.
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved.
 - Sarah Thorne Theatre- £3500 for costs of staging less commercial productions.
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved.
 - Dickens Festival - £3500 for costs of staging the event.
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved.
 - Visitor Information Kiosk - £3000 towards the cost of providing the service.
RESOLVED: That the grant be approved.

144. COUNCIL EVENTS 2025

Members received and considered a report from the Events Administrator

RESOLVED:

i) Community Festival – 24 May 2025

- That stalls are offered free of charge to community groups
- That traders' stalls are offered at £60 each (50% reduction to CT10 residents)
- Since 20 stalls is the minimum order, any not hired by traders may be offered to community groups.
- Schools to be contacted to attract interest in a Teen market
- Cleaner, Safer, Kinder areas need not be defined: stalls to be positioned according to size and activity.

20.25 Cllr Hobson left the meeting.

ii) VE Day Commemorations – 8 May 2025

- That the Thanet Concert band be asked if they could set up and provide use of their PA system earlier in order that schools can perform prior to the main concert. If this is not possible, a longer break be negotiated so that schools can perform.
- That Ramsgate and Broadstairs sea cadets be invited to attend.

iii) Christmas Market – 29 November 2025

- That a service level agreement tightening up on timings, number of personnel and cost be developed with the lighting technician.
- That no fee should be charged for children's visits to Father Christmas.
- That there is no need for a timed switch on of the Christmas tree lights: they should remain on all day and the event finale will be the carol singing.
- That the food and beverage offering be improved.

145. COMMERCIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Members received and considered a report from the Events Supervisor.

RESOLVED: That art classes for under 18s are approved in principle but that schools be contacted to ensure hard to reach young people are able to benefit.

146. FIREWORKS

Members reconsidered the timings for the event in light of comments received.

RESOLVED:

- That the music start at 6pm and the firework display at 7pm to attempt to limit disruption to local residents.
- That the road closure be implemented to safeguard pedestrians.
- That the band be asked to continue playing after the display to help stagger crowd dispersal.

147. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: T.B.C

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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