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Minutes of the Events Committee 11th September 2024

1. To note Councillors and Staff present

Steve Bond (SB), Maggie Ginger (MG), Jim Thomson (JT), Jordan Burnard (JB), Bron Hockerday (BH)

E/24/040

2. To receive Apologies for absence with reasons

Rob Rotchell, Neil Pearce & Dave Brown

It was **resolved** to accept all apologies.

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3. To receive Declarations of Interest & Approve Dispensations

None

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4. Public Question Time (15 minutes allowed for this)

Mark and Marney Baker attended the meeting to discuss arrangements for Camelford Carnival 2024 as well as the road closures for Winter Festival 2024. Marnie reported that a small ride for children, along with a candy floss cart and sweet stand, is planned to be positioned outside of Enfield Park by the band stand for the carnival.

Marnie asked if it could be organised in time for the road closure signs to be collected from the cemetery, and asked if the bollards could be removed from in front of the bandstand on the day for the ride, etc. to be setup. **JB to liaise with grounds team ahead of carnival.**

SB, JB & BH discussed potential for a council float to take part in the carnival 2024. JT suggested that council could partner with OCM, with the theme being councillors dressed as skateboarders and youths dressed as councillors, however there is some uncertainty regarding the number of councillors that would volunteer to take part. It was agreed that entering a council float (with a light hearted theme) over the limo for the mayor would be looked upon favourably by many members of the public. **JB to approach OCM re. potential carnival float.**

SB confirmed that Mark is happy with everything in place for the carnival road closures: Mark confirmed all basic work is done but some volunteers may be required to stand on road closures (no ticket required). SB suggested that there would be plenty of volunteers available. **JB to liaise with Mark/Marnie re. volunteers closer to the carnival date.**

SB queried road closures for Winter Festival with Mark: Mark confirmed happy with everything and will be attending training for new ticket later in September (along with Lewis and Glen). **JB/lights committee to ensure enough volunteers available to stand on road closures.**

JB reported that Mason's Arms are keen to be involved with the Winter Festival, and that they are happy with the use of Coolio's for Santa's Grotto. Mason's also suggested that they would be having a food stand again, although the nature of this stand was not confirmed at the time.

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JB also confirmed that Morris Dancers would be taking part in the Winter Festival procession, and that the town band have put together a list of songs/carols that they will perform to provide more variety this year compared to last year (only 3 songs/carols were performed on repeat).

Some reported that the Santa suit was an ill fit for JT at the last Winter Festival as it was too short, and have suggested that a new Santa suit should be invested in/hired out for the event this year (one that fits properly!). Satsumas and Haribo will also need to be procured for the event: 200-300 of each. **JB to action.**

BH queried situation regarding light outside of the library, as it appears as though the hall is closed when there is no light on outside in the Winter. **JB to chase Cornwall Council Planning.**

5. **To receive and approve the Minutes of:** 17th July 2024
It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
Proposed: Steve Bond Seconded: Jim Thomson

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6. **Agenda Items**

a) **Four Days of Fun' monies: who to donate to?**

It was agreed that the money received from members of the public at the fun run and the mayor's afternoon tea (£44.05) would be donated to Camelford Youth Football Club.
JB to action.

Money received from members of the public at the dog show (£66.00) was earmarked previously for the labrador trust. **JB to action.**

b) **Friday Nights on the Band Stand - Feedback**

Weather and sickness resulted in 2 of the 9 acts being cancelled, however feedback from members of the public was generally positive. Many did however voice that their preference for music at these events would be more upbeat, with 'Mr & Mrs Bluesky' and 'Back on Nights' proving to be popular. JB also shared that 'Endelienta' are interested in sending an orchestra to perform at the band stand next year free of charge, which they would also look to advertise. It was agreed to approach these acts early for next year - **JB to action. Committee members to also start considering other suitable acts that CTC could approach for next year band stand music.**

c) **Camelford Carnival**

As per item 4 above.

d) **Pumpkins on Parade**

BH confirmed that everything was in place for the event: posters and other advertising materials are ready to go out, all sweets, games, etc. all in hand and staff/bodies are ready to work and judge for the evening. Rob Rotchell and Neil Pearce to judge.

e) **Scarecrow Festival**

BH confirmed that everything is in place: posters, entry forms, etc. BH to advertise around town (posters) and on social media week commencing Monday 23rd September. Scarecrows to be displayed October 28th – November 2nd. SB & JT to judge.

f) **Winter Festival**

As per item 4 above.

g) **2025 Events Calendar**

SB suggested that, with Music in the Park not planned to take place in 2025, there would potentially be budget available for expanding existing events and introducing new events into the events calendar for 2025/26. JB ran through the budget proposal, suggesting there should be a slight increase from the 2024/25 budget to cover inflation

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(estimated at 5%), which took the budget proposal for events 2025/26 to £9,450 (up from £9,000 in 2024/25).

JB followed up on the suggestions made by SB, and proposed expanding on the Winter Festival budget to allow for more side activities and attractions such as reindeer, stilt walkers, fire breathers, etc. and also proposed expanding on 'Four Days of Fun' with events such as a 6-a-side football tournament (separate youth and adult tournaments) to potentially take place on the 3G pitches at SJS, 'Birds of Prey' and a 'mini petting zoo/farmyard animal encounters' to take place in Enfield Park, along with re-branding of the 'Mayor's Afternoon Tea' ('Councillor's Come For Tea?').

Other items which were proposed to be added to the calendar included an outdoor cinema/film event, a sunflower growing competition, re-introduction of markets in Camelford and re-introduction of a Christmas card design competition.

It was **resolved** for the proposed 2025/26 events budget to be passed to full council ahead of upcoming precept/budget discussions.

Proposed: Jim Thomson

Seconded: Steve Bond

7. Agenda Items for next meeting 16th October:

Winter Festival and 2025 Events Budget/Calendar

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Meeting Closed 8.30pm

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