

A meeting of the Heritage & Events Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 29th April 2024 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs M Chapman (Chairman), A Greenway, N Hornsey, G Briggs, Mrs C Grimble, R Lobley and D Pikett

Also Present: Cllrs R Fletcher and A Bailey

Clerk: Mrs J Murray

A public participation session took place prior to the official start of the meeting.

24/04/25 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

24/04/26 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Mrs Chapman, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept apologies from Cllr Mrs Watson, having considered and accepted her reason for absence.

24/04/27 Declarations of Interest

None

24/04/28 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Lobley, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote that the notes from the meeting held on 8th April 2024 were approved and signed as the minutes.

24/04/29 Clerk's Report

None to date

24/04/30 Financial

Councillors were provided with a financial report to 31.3.2024.

24/04/31 Welton Music & Arts Festival 2024

Joe Russell from Complete Communities had provided an Issue Management Report which had been circulated to all members of the committee prior to the meeting. Concerns had been raised by some members as to whether the festival was still viable to proceed or should it be cancelled. Cllrs Fletcher and Lobley both pointed out that the finances stacked up and if ticket sales were as forecast there would be a small surplus and worst case scenario it could make a slight loss, resources have been accounted for in the budget. The main concern was not financial, but that the council would lose face and credibility for future events/projects. It was pointed out that there is always an element of risk when putting on an event, all are indoors apart from the Street Market. We can only be guided by the experts who have the experience of these events. With this type of event being totally new to the village, it is impossible to predict the level of success, but it was felt that there is certainly merit in moving forward and all events come with their own challenges. Ticket prices

have been kept as low as possible and great thought has been given to the entertainment appealing to a wide range of genre and ages. What is the measure of success – to try and bring the community out of their houses. If the event is to proceed an evaluation of its success will be carried out at the end. On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** following a majority vote (5 for, 2 abstentions) to proceed in the format that has been proposed and not to cancel the event. On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to continue using Complete Communities to manage the event and proceed with the Sunday events of the Street Food Market during the afternoon and theatre group entertainment in the evening. On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to proceed with the programme as presented and to use monies from Ear Marked Reserves to the maximum value of £5,000 for any amendments to costs etc., that may be required.

24/04/32 Councillors' Reports
None

Chairman: Date: