



Minutes of the Events Committee of Matlock Town Council held on Monday 03 March 2025 at 6.00pm in the Derwent Hall at the Imperial Rooms, Matlock.

Present: In the Chair: Cllr Pat Wildgoose (PW)

Committee members: Cllr Jason Knighton (JK), Cllr Ashley Orwin (AO)

In attendance: Simon Hosmer (SH), Town Clerk
Victoria Brooke (VB), Events Co-ordinator

Meeting starts at 18:00

038/25 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Marilyn Franks – Illness

Cllr Sue Burfoot – Meeting at DDDC

039/25 – VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

There were no variations to the order of business or declarations of members interests

040/25 – REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

No requests for dispensation had been received

041/25 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There are no members of the public present

042/25 – MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Monday 02 September 2024, Monday 04 November 2024 & Monday 6 January 2025

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, seconded Cllr Ashley Orwin

Resolution: To approve the minutes of all three meetings

Agreed unanimously

043/25 – EVENTS UPDATE

VB: Valentine Bingo had a good turnout. We advertised via posters, website and social media. 6 games of bingo, people paid on the door. We paid on full houses and there was a raffle. Took over

£100. Myself and Angela did the bar. We took in total £308. We had balloons from the Card Factory and they are looking to use the rooms themselves.

SH: Did we get any photographs?

VB: Not really, it was so busy with sorting out everything.

PW: Did you have music?

VB: The Ukeladies came down and in return for playing they got free bingo tickets.

JK: Should we have another one as they have been so successful? The new mayor may want one.

PW: Spring or into the summer?

VB: We have Easter event so not as quickly as that.

AO: Later in the year would keep in fresh.

VB: Halloween? People will remember if it's already a celebration. We could do a Halloween punch.

SH: On the night itself as it's a Friday?

AO: Yes.

Proposed: Cllr Ashley Orwin, seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To organise a Halloween bingo for 2025

Agreed unanimously

044/25 – CIVIC SERVICE UPDATE

VB: This will be next week and the bells will be ringing beforehand. After the service people will be coming here to the Imperial Rooms for entertainment and food.

PW: Who is organising that?

VB: I will be at the church ushering and Angela will be here in the rooms organising food and drink.

JK: How many are you expecting?

VB: It was 80 invitees but we think we need to allow for 100 now.

JK: Does the budget allow for that?

SH: The money comes out of the Mayor's allowance so that's your call. But yes, you have enough in it to do that.

VB: There will be wraps, sandwiches, sausage rolls, scotch eggs and much more. All homemade. The order of service is nearly done and we will have hard copies to give out to everyone on the day. There is parking at Highfields if it's needed. All agreed. Civic chair at the District and the civic chair at the County are attending as is the high Sheriff.

SH: Can we QR code the order of service?

VB: Yes I will get Mike to do that. We also have 2 trophies to give out as civic awards from the Mayor.

Vicky goes to the office to get the awards and show them to the Committee

JK: These look expensive.

SH: They were £20 each. Very reasonable I thought.

PW: Who is Mrs Mottishead?

JK: Julie has been a long term sales assistant or manager at a shop in Hurst Farm for 35 years. She clears the snow when it comes. A lovely lady. The other, Roy has been a fireman for 35 years and a postman for 29.

PW: It's nice to have a different selection from usual.

AO: Is she still a postman now?

JK: Yes.

VB: I will be at the church to make sure people sit in the right place. I am assuming all Councillors will be coming

No resolution was made

045/25 – EASTER UPDATE

VB: In regards to the Easter event we have flyers as you can see and we will have a banner done for the park.

JK: Are we having a separate trail for kids and adults due to the difficulty of it last year?

VB: Simon and I spoke with the ladies from the Deception rooms about that and we told them it needs to be easier. We have asked them to bring the difficulty level down this year. They are very passionate about what they have done and rightly so as it's been great but it needs to be aimed at kids.

JK: Will there be fancy dress this year?

VB: We haven't specified that. We are recycling the bunny heads from last year which has saved us some money compared to last year. The hunt runs from 15th March to 5th May which is the Easter half term and bank holiday weekend. On the day, 19th April, we have a soft play area this year. Marilyn is doing bunny heads and someone from Churches together doing other crafts.

JK: Let's start advertising this now.

PW: Is there something I can do on the day.

VB: Of course, we can find you something to do. We will have fruit juice, crisps, tea and coffee but not sandwiches as that didn't really sell well last year.

SH: I have ordered 200 eggs and can get more if needed.

Proposed: Cllr Jason Knighton, seconded Cllr Pat Wildgoose

Resolution: To approve the purchase and display in Hall Leys Park of a banner for the event

Agreed unanimously

046/25 – SUMMER EVENT

SH: This is going to be a discussion for what you guys wanted to do. Is it any more than just bands in the park that we want to do?

PW: Time could be an issue here.

JK: There is a beer festival and the food festival.

SH: We will have the bandstand for 6 Sundays in a row for the bands.

PW: Can the music be a bit more varied than it usually is?

JK: Sundays?

VB: What kind of bands?

AO: We have some younger singers and a couple of artists who are singer songwriters.

SH: And a couple of brass bands still too.

Proposed: Cllr Ashley Orwin, seconded Cllr Jason Knighton

Resolution: To put on some varied music events on Sundays during the summer in the Hall Leys Park bandstand

Agreed unanimously

047/25 – VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY

SH: This will be on the 8th May.

JK: Is it a public holiday?

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PW: I think it is.

AO: No it isn't.

SH: It was in 2023 but not this year.

PW: Are we encouraging street parties?

JK: I have read there may be things being lit up.

SH: We may want to delay a decision on what we do until after the County and District Council decide what they are doing. They may have a joint thing, we may be invited to. We don't know as yet. We could look at getting a grant for a street party or we could have something in the rooms that was the equivalent of it.

PW: I think we should wait and see what the bigger Councils want to do.

JK: What will be doing about flags in the town?

SH: There is a unique 80th VE day flag we can purchase from the RBL and display here at the rooms. It's around £30.

JK: Can you light the building up?

SH: We could light the two street lamps. We may have more information by Full Council and Cllr Flitter will be there to let us know what the RBL will be planning.

VB: We should speak with the local care homes and see if they are doing anything.

SH: Yes you could and then we can report that feedback to Full Council. I have just checked and the VE day flag is actually £18.

JK: Can I ask what is happening with the flags in town?

SH: We have purchased some new 'Pride' and 'Derbyshire' flags and the outdoor team will be putting them up randomly across the town very shortly.

Proposed: Cllr Pat Wildgoose, seconded Cllr Ashley Orwin

Resolution: To purchase the VE day flag and display it on the Imperial Rooms and to delay a decision for on what to put on for VE day until Full Council on 17th March

Agreed unanimously

048/25 – COUNCIL PUBLICITY: Website, social media, newsletters and news releases

SH: We have agreed the banner already. Anything else on this agenda we need to publicise?

VB: Mike will be organising the website and I will be ordering the banner.

Proposed: Cllr , seconded Cllr

Resolution:

Agreed unanimously

The meeting closed at 18:52



Simon Hosmer
Town Clerk

CHAIRMAN:

DATED: