



BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting

held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall

Tuesday 10th December 2024 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:	East Ward:	Councillor Mrs J Gubb (Chairman) Councillor Mrs R Clarke
	South Ward:	Councillor P Lawrence
	North Ward:	Councillor D Bushby Councillor J Gordon Councillor K Hind
	West Ward:	Councillor C Hawkins
IN ATTENDANCE:		Mr P Swan, Town Clerk

045 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Valid reasons for absence were received on behalf of Councillors – None

TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Mrs. J. Gubb declared a non-pecuniary interest in the event as a result of a relative providing services for agenda item 5.

046 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

There was one member of the public present.

047 **MINUTES**

Proposed by Councillor Bushby and seconded by Councillor Clarke that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2024 were approved and signed as a correct record.

048 (Vote – For: 6, Against: 0, Abstention: 1)

049 **TO UPDATE ON VE DAY**

Members reviewed the progress made. Councillor Gubb advised no response had been received from the caterers.

050 **TO UPDATE ON OTHER EVENTS 2025 (BIDEFORD FAIR / BGT / CHUDLIEGH PICNIC)**

Bideford Fair – Councillor Mrs J Gubb to contact SWEM.

BGT – Due to supplier issues there is no provision for Karaoke for 2025. Discussion was held around whether backing tracks should be supplied as this is a talent show and not a Karaoke contest. Event to be pencilled in but may not go ahead. If go ahead given, then better advertising needed. Councillor Gordon commented given the high costs whether is represented good value.

Chudleigh Picnic – Date agreed as last weekend in August.

Jigsaw festival – Councillor Lawrence advised a date in October TBA.

Cream Tea Festival – Councillor Lawrence advised no sponsors obtained as yet.

051 **TO UPDATE ON CLEAN UP DAY**

Date agreed as 6th April 2025.

052 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON FEEDBACK**

On the whole the event was well received and attended.

Stage sound was inaudible except within a very short distance away.

The need for procession with the following the event was questioned.

Licencing of pedlars to be investigated by Councillor Bushby next year.

Better waste bin provision to be investigated by Councillor Bushby next year.

053 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman informed members that the next meeting would be Tuesday 10th December at 18.00.

The business of the meeting having been completed, the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance, and the meeting concluded at 18:31.

Signature of Town Mayor:Date:

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