

Frodsham Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of
The Events Committee
held on Tuesday 10 July 2018 at 7pm
In the Town Council Office, Castle Park, Frodsham



Present: Cllrs C Ashton (Chair), A Oulton & P Williamson.
Mrs H Catt (Town Clerk)

In Attendance: Cllr L Jones

Meeting 1

No	Item
1	Appointment of Chair Cllr C Ashton was appointed Chair – proposed and seconded by Cllrs A Oulton and P Williamson. Cllr Ashton reported that a proposal will be going to council that this committee be dissolved following the work of the Admin Reduction Working Group.
2	Appointment of Deputy Chair Cllr P Williamson was appointed Deputy Chair – proposed and seconded by Cllrs C Ashton and A Oulton.
3	Apologies for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lord F Pennington and L Wilson.
4	Declarations of Interest Personal interest was declared by Cllrs A Oulton and P Williamson in Park Lane Community Group. Cllr A Oulton also declared he was acquainted with the owner of the Firework Company.
5	Minutes of Meeting 7 – 8.05.18 The minutes of meeting 7 were approved and signed as a true record.
6	Opportunity for Public to Speak – None.
Item 9 was brought forward as Cllr L Jones was in attendance to speak to it.	
9	Halton Curve Opening Event Cllr L Jones, who has joined the North Cheshire Rail Users Group, came to give advance warning about the launch of the new service to Liverpool, which will be starting in December. The Rail Users Group are working with Arriva about an official launch and Cllr Jones asked FTC to consider getting involved. No date has been set for the launch event but the timetable for the services will be released about 4 weeks before services start. This new service will attract many new customers as it links North Wales with Liverpool Airport. Another suggestion was to involve Frodsham Sings. Cllr Jones will keep the committee informed about the event.
7	Christmas Festival Working Group
7.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May and the decisions made were noted.
7.2	The next meeting of the Working Group will be on 11 July at 2pm at Castle Park House. Cllr Oulton has been asked to be Master of Ceremonies and would like to attend the meetings so he asked if the group could agree dates well in advance so he could change his work schedule. He also reported that the Fire Service would like to be involved and would like to bring a Fire Engine to the market area. The Fire Station could also be available.
8	Remembrance Day Working Group
8.1	The minutes of the meetings held on 23 May, 6 June and 3 July and the decisions made were noted. The basic programme has been agreed with the church service being brought forward so that Father Michael Mills can attend the wreath laying at the cenotaph on the hill. Refreshments after the wreath laying will be back at the church to bring people together. The Thank You Campaign silhouettes were displayed at the Town Meeting and people asked to vote on their preference – most went for the soldier with the nurse second. Cllr J Critchley has started a poll on Facebook too. TC will contact the Practice Manager at the Medical Centre to see if they might purchase the nurse and put it up outside the Centre. An application has also been submitted for the transparent silhouettes that sit on benches and seats. The group is planning to have fireworks at the end of the events – TC is getting quotes.

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8.2	The next meeting of the Working Group will be on 4 September at 6pm at Castle Park House.
9	Halton Curve Opening Event – Discussed earlier.
10	Town Meeting TC felt there was a better attendance at the evening ATM but this might have been due to the weather and England playing in the World Cup. The Annual Report and Accounts booklet was well received. It had given residents the opportunity to express their views about Ship Street. There was some discussion about the history of the land coming into FTC's ownership, but our records show it was by compulsory purchase via Vale Royal Borough Council. Cllr Oulton felt there may once have been a row of terraced houses on the site. A local resident on Park Lane may have further information on the history of the area. Draft minutes of the meeting are now available.
11	Halloween Event No update from the Working Group.
12	Christmas Tree This was deferred to the Community Committee. Cllr A Oulton would like to be involved if the Forestry Commission offer another tree – TC to contact them again this year.
13	New Year's Eve Fireworks It was agreed to extend the contract for another year @ £2,000+VAT – proposed and seconded by Cllrs C Ashton and P Williamson – R1 .
7.30pm Cllr L Jones left the meeting.	
14	Festival of Walks
14.1	The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May and the decisions made were noted. This meeting reviewed this year's Festival and identified that 58% of people found out about the Festival through the leaflet.
14.2	The next meeting of Working Group will be on 11 October at 9.30am at Castle Park House.
15	Events Sponsorship There was one application from the Friends of John Williamson (on behalf of Park Lane Community Group) for £90 inc VAT to hire a 'tardis' style toilet for their Party in the Park event being held on 14 July. Cllr C Ashton agreed this using Chair's action as both Cllr Oulton and Williamson had declared an interested, and it was a similar application to the one supported from Townfield Lane Action Group for their community event.
16	Field Rental Applications None had been received. Pinder's non-animal circus is using the field on Monday to Wednesday next week.
17	Clerk's updates - none.
18	Next meeting Tuesday 11 September depending on the decision made at council on 23 July.

Meeting ended at 7.50pm.

R1: It was agreed to extend the contract for the New Year's Eve Firework display to the same company for another year @ £2,000+VAT – proposed and seconded by Cllrs C Ashton and P Williamson.

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