

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROMOTION, COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2019 AT 7.30 PM.**

Committee members present: Councillors C H Wills-Wright (Vice-Chairman), O C Curley,
T Gilhorne, J Goodman, J E Nunn-Price and Major J Sibbald.

Others present: Mr Wyne – Wantage Silver Band (up to item 2).

Town Clerk: W P Falkenau.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Crawford, J T Hannaby and
C Walters. In the absence of the Committee Chairman, Councillor C H Wills-Wright acted as
Chairman for the meeting.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

None.

To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March and 3 June 2019

The minutes were approved and signed.

1. Statements and Questions from the Public

None.

**2. Briefing by Mr Wyne of Wantage Silver Band regarding proposal to hold a series of
concerts in the Market Place next summer**

Mr Wyne advised that he was the bandmaster for the top band of the Wantage Silver Band.
He wanted to engage his band more fully in the local community by holding a series of
concerts in the Market Place, once a month during the period of May to September (the band
does not perform in August).

The Committee welcomed the proposal. It was felt that the area between Barclays Bank and
Alfred's Head would be the most suitable, the activity being less disturbed by passing traffic.
It was also suggested that arrangements might be made with the Parish Church to use it to
host the band if the weather was inclement.

It was agreed, that as a pilot a concert be held at 3pm on Sunday 15 September to coincide
the band attending the Battle of Britain Parade. It was agreed that the Council should consult
with RAFA to ensure that the concert would not conflict with their arrangements. It was
noted that there would be a need to ensure there were sufficient staff and other resources
available to deal with the road closure and other work associated with the event.

Action: Clerk

Mr Wyne was thanked for attending and he left the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Update on Volunteers' Reception

The Reception was to be held on 18 October 2019. The guest list was to be prepared, in
consultation with councillors. There was a need to identify a caterer to provide refreshments.
Invitations were to highlight the nature of the refreshments available (in the past some guests
had eaten before arrival, not being aware that food was being provided).

Action: Deputy Clerk

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b) Update on Council website

Pages were yet to be added on businesses within Wantage, Groups & Organisations, Sport & Leisure, and The Royal British Legion. Committee members were invited to forward any points for update to the Deputy Clerk for inclusion.

Action: All/Deputy Clerk

c) Communications Strategy implementation

The adopted Strategy was to be distributed to Councillors and referred for consideration at the next meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk

d) Emergency planning promotion

The Deputy Clerk was to seek more information about what emergency planning arrangements were in place by the County Council and District Councils in the event of an emergency.

Action: Deputy Clerk

e) Update on Market Place Licensing

The Market Place licence for the Town Council had been issued. Currently Mr McCarthy was the designated premises supervisor. It was agreed that one of the deputy clerks should be trained to take over this responsibility.

Action: Clerk

f) Wantage Town Guide publishing arrangements – review of purpose

A number of members had not seen the guide. The Clerk agreed to distribute copies and further consideration was to be referred to the next meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk

g) OVO Energy Tour follow up

The arrangements to deal with tour coming through the town had been a success. Everyone had pulled together to achieve this. It was regretted that there was no television coverage of the cyclists travelling through Wantage. It was agreed to contact the television company to see if footage taken in the town could be provided for inclusion on the Council's website. It was also agreed to contact those who had placed video clips on Facebook to see whether their videos and photographs could be incorporated into the Council's website.

Action: Deputy Clerk

4. To consider relationship with the District Council's Economic Development Team with regard to Love Wantage brand and website

Following the demise of the Joint Economic Forum, contact with the District Council's Economic Development Team had diminished. Currently the team were responsible for the Love Wantage website and other aspects of Love Wantage promotion. The website was currently displaying information from 2018 and needs to be updated.

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Goodman

SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Nunn-Price

IT WAS RESOLVED to approach the Economic Development Team with a view to taking over responsibility for the Love Wantage website and re-engaging with the Development Team with regard to the promotion of the town. This would involve the Council meeting the costs associated with hosting and maintaining the website.

Action: Deputy Clerk

5. Other Business.

None.

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Confidential Item

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Wills-Wright
IT WAS RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded.

6. To consider nominations for Pride in Wantage and other awards

Proposals for Pride in Wantage awards were considered.

It was agreed to draw up a list of all those that had received the Pride in Wantage Award in the past and to provide a notice or plaque displaying their names. It was also agreed that a list of past Mayors be drawn up. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

The meeting came out of confidential session.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm.

WPF/ME