

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROMOTION, COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2024, AT 7.30PM**

Committee members present: Councillors T Gilhome (Chair) and A Dunford

Other councillors present: Councillors J Hannaby and K Morris

Others present: M Howard (Wantage Chamber of Commerce)

Town Centre Manager (TCM) A Yates

Members of the public: None

Deputy Clerk S Sanders

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors A Crawford, C Walters and V Wright.

Declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests.

None

27. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) To agree the additional information in the “We are your Wantage” guide.

The draft guide had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that further work was needed to agree the content. The TCM was to circulate a guide produced by another council which would hopefully give an indication of what information is useful. **Action: TCM**

- b) To agree the cost to print and distribute the “We are your Wantage” guide.

Deferred until the contents of the guide has been finalised.

- c) To receive an update on the purchase of a LED display board

A suitable TV screen had not yet been identified.

Action: Chair

28. Events 2024

- a) To receive and finalise/amend the calendar of town council events for 2024

20 April - Earth Day (climate emergency committee event)

28 April - St George’s Day market (road closure)

9 June - Ray Collins Charitable Trust carnival (road closure)

7 July - Food festival (road closure)

26 October – AlfredFest (road closure)

10 November - Remembrance Parade (partial road closure)

1 December - Christmas market (road closure)

6 December - Dickensian Evening (road closure)

24 December - Carols in the market square

Other Non-town council events were noted.

It was agreed to invite France at Home to the food festival in July as an alternative to their usual attendance on a Friday. **Action: TCM**

29. To consider designing a new Wantage Town Council logo.

It was agreed that further consideration would be given to the design of a new logo subject to agreement of the council at the meeting on 12 February 2024. **Action: All**

30. To consider forming a working group to promote town events.

It was agreed that a working group should be formed. Members were agreed including: Two members of Wantage Chamber of Commerce, Councillor T Gilhome, the TCM and TPC. It was agreed that all councillors would be invited to join and possibly members of the public who have shown an interest. **Action: M Howard/Chair**

31. Newsletter.

Issue 13 was due to be delivered in March 2024.

32. Items for the next meeting to be held 18 March 2024.

None noted.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm
