

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROMOTION, COMMUNICATION AND EVENTS
COMMITTEE OF THE WANTAGE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

Committee members present: Councillors T Gilhome (Chair), A Crawford, A Dunford and V Wright.

In attendance: Deputy Clerk: S Sanders
Town Centre Manager: A Yates

14. Apologies for absence.

Councillor P Kirby-Harris

15. Declaration of disposable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable interests.

None

16. To agree and sign the minutes of the meeting held 2 September 2024.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and signed.

17. Statements and questions from the public.

None.

18. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- a) To receive an update on the purchase of a LED display board/TV.

This had not been progressed.

Action: Gilhome

19. To receive the income and expenditure report dated 4 October 2024.

Members noted the report.

20. To receive and consider budget proposal for 2025/26.

A recommendation prepared by the clerk for the 25/26 budget was considered but not agreed at this meeting. It was agreed that the final proposal would be considered at the next meeting once additional costs had been sought for St George's Day activities. **Action: TCM**

21. Events.

- a. To review/receive updates about the remaining planned events for 2024

There had been a request from France at Home to attend the market square on Friday 8 November 2024.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Gilhome
SECONDED BY Councillor Dunford

IT WAS RESOLVED TO permit the French market to attend on 8 November at a cost of £230.

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- b. To note the volunteers' reception date of 7 February 2025

Members noted the date and were reminded to advise of any volunteers that should be added to the invitation list. **Action: All**

- c. To confirm the Christmas Eve carols in the market square is a town council event

It was not known if this annual event was a Wantage Silver Band or Wantage Town Council event. It was agreed that Wantage Town Council would take responsibility for the closure of the market square and that this would be considered a joint event with Wantage Silver Band. It was agreed to review the arrangements for next year.

22. To receive a report from the events working group (TCM) and agree any recommendations.

- a. 7 February – Volunteers' reception
- b. 27 April – St George's Day celebration (road closure)
- c. 11 May – VE Day celebration (road closure)
- d. 6 July – Food festival (road closure)
- e. 17 August – VJ Day event
- f. 25 October – Alfred Fest (could possibly be 26 October)
- g. 9 November – Remembrance Day parade
- h. 30 November – Christmas Market (road closure)
- i. 24 December – Carols in the market square

The events working group had met and were due to meet again soon. Some bookings for events had been made.

23. Newsletter.

The next will be sent out in December.

24. Agenda items for the next meeting to be held 18 November 2024.

Mayor's Thank You event

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.
