

Hetton Town Council



DRAFT Minutes of the Events & Special Activities Committee meeting held remotely on Monday 2 November 2020

Present:

Councillors R Coulson, T Dodds, R Elvin, D Geddis (Chairman), D Turner, S Waterston and C Willis.

In attendance

G Keedy, Town Clerk (TC)
Cllr K Pearson
MoP x 2

1) Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received.
Committee resolved that the absence of Cllr M Thornton be recorded as unapproved.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Public participation:

Committee resolved that up to ten minutes be allocated for this item, with Chairman's discretion to allow public comments throughout.

4) Remembrance Day 2020

TC introduced the item and provided an update following the announcement of a further lockdown effective from 5 November.

He reported that the Government guidance relating to Remembrance commemorations had been updated but there was no material difference to the position reported to Full Council on 19 October.

Committee resolved to approve the suggested wording of a notice to be displayed in Hetton Mini Park about arrangements for 11 November, subject to the addition of a reference to "Memorial Park".

Cllr R Elvin raised a query about the distinction between Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day, and the reasons that the Town Council marked the latter. Members provided their individual perspectives.

5) Flag poles in Hetton

TC reported that following HTC meeting on 19 October, he had confirmed with Supplier "A" that they could match the security specification of Supplier "B". He added that the order had therefore been placed and the two x flagpoles subsequently delivered.

Cllr S Waterston thanked Cllr D Geddis on behalf of the Committee for initiating the idea of purchasing the flagpoles.

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Following further discussions, Committee resolved that a suitable site for flagpoles at Easington Lane War Memorial be identified; and that TC proceed with the purchase of a "Lest We Forget" flag ahead of Remembrance Day.

6) Christmas Celebration 2020

A wide-ranging discussion took place, this included:

Requirements for an additional Christmas tree in Hetton for installation in Hetton Mini Park; cost quotation received for wrapping lights in trees in Mini Park (c £29,000); a suggestion to provide selection boxes to local children; donations to food banks; queries re funding sources; and possible sites for a Christmas tree at Hetton Downs. Cllr D Turner undertook to provide TC with a Community Chest application form.

Committee resolved that TC approach SCC about the practicalities of siting a Christmas tree in Hetton Mini Park and that he clarify the funding streams available from SCC.

7) Date and time of next meeting

Committee resolved that TC and Chairman liaise re the date and time of the next meeting.

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Signed:

Date: