

Tourism and Events Meeting

held at Ellesmere Town Hall on Wednesday 11th January 2023

<u>Present:</u>	Councillors:	Cllr P Goulbourne, (Vice Chair) G Elner, Amanda Weeks non-voting member M Hancock, G Hutchinson, J Howard.
	Town Clerk	Jo Butterworth
	Admin Assistant	Gem Whitley

Members of the public

Richard Hobson, Tessa Laustien, Pearl Allum, Mandy Roberts, Beverley Taylor Cox, Marijana Garland, Caroline Ford, Helen Jackson, Matt Howard, Bob McBride, Mandy Williams, Jan Oliver, Julie Edwards, Alan Clarke.

Purpose of Meeting

Ellesmere Town Council are looking to arrange a community event to celebrate the King's coronation over the extended Bank Holiday Weekend 6-8th May 2023 and would also like to put together a town programme of events for the occasion.

Representatives of all local groups/committees/organisations and businesses were invited along to the meeting.

TAE 01/23/01 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

Resolved – that the apologies received from Cllr A Wignall and Cllr J Mowl due to family commitments and holiday to be accepted.

TAE 01/23/02 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial interests.

None Note.

TAE 01/23/03 Grant Dispensations.

None.

TAE 01/23/04 Minutes

It was moved by Cllr G Elner, seconded by Cllr M Hancock and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2022 be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

Cllr Goulbourne thanked everyone for coming. The Clerk read apologies from Moolah. Oteley Hall also emailed their apologies to say that they would like to be involved in plans, they are planning to open their gardens on Sunday 7th May 2023 and have offered to make it a bit different to add a garden party.

Reverend Pat Hawkins of St Mary's Church explained she is hoping to hold a relaxed service offering refreshments – possibly the Friday *evening 5th May 2023*. Reverend Pat also thinks that the bell ringers may ring the bells on the day of the Coronation.

Pearl Allum was present to represent **Ellesmere Carnival Committee together with Mandy Roberts**, they felt that we needed a community event which brought everyone together. Julie Edwards suggested that due to the time of year The Mere may not be the ideal location due to the wildlife, she thought that somehow involving the Bowling Green in some kind of event would be nice as it is based at the old Castle Fort, the Clerk will make contact with them to find out if they have any plans, she also suggested The Ellesmere Rangers Recreation Ground for a family picnic on Monday 8th May due to its size, parking and the option of parading around the outside. The carnival committee offered to lend sports equipment run sporting activities and talks about the possibility of May Pole dancing were had, the Clerk will contact the Primary School to see if their pole could be borrowed and Tessa has music and a pole dancing guidebook that could be used on the day. Matt Howard of MH Sound offered to play background music through a PA system for the event. He would however need money to hire a generator. It was agreed to look at the possibility of face painters or some kind of entertainers for the children and possible Guinness World Record challenges were discussed.

Mandy Williams and Jan Oliver of Ellesmere Comrades Club said that they would like to hold a children's disco on the evening of Friday 5th May and a live music event with a buffet on the Sunday 7th May 2023, details TBC.

Marijana of Fizzgigs was present and suggested maybe doing an event to try and break a world record – various suggestions were talked about, possibly creating a picture with the greatest number of balloons.

Caroline Ford and Marijana shared that they would like to participate in community events. Suggesting that a parade would be a nice idea with horses and children dressed in red, white, and blue or as knights.

Beverley Taylor Cox of Chamber of Commerce shared that they were hoping to do a treasure hunt round the town for the children of Ellesmere, this event would run throughout the whole weekend.

Suggestions of handing out a piece of memorabilia to the towns children was mentioned and a colouring competition. The Clerk will investigate some of the ideas shared as will other members.

It was agreed to meet again on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 6pm.