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SANDS OF TIME SEASIDE FESTIVAL

NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE SANDS OF TIME 2007 COMMITTEE

Wednesday 17th January 2007 at the Council Chamber

PRESENT: Cllr. J. Hayward, Cllr. Mrs. S. Daniells (from item 5).

IN ATTENDANCE: E. Benackova, E. Holmes, S. Holmes, T. Bell, L. Evans (from item 5).

The meeting opened at 6.01pm.

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

In the absence of Cllr. D. Eldridge, the meeting was opened Cllr. J. Hayward who agreed to chair this meeting. As the meeting was not quorate it was **AGREED** to make recommendations where necessary.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were noted as being received from Cllr. D. Eldridge, Cllr. M. Chapman, Cllr. Mrs. J. Warr.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda.

Notice should be given at this part of the meeting of any intended declaration. The nature of the interest should then be declared later at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

The Committee noted there were no Declarations of Interest made at this point in the Meeting.

4. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public present.

5. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE VENUES

It was noted that after consulting the Members of the Committee the date of the Festival has been changed to 9-10 June 2007 as it clashed with the Goodwood Festival of Speed.

The Events Officer reported on the estimated cost of marquees, in the region of £700 and the possible location within the Waterloo Square.

Cllr. Mrs. S. Daniells offered her apologies and joined the meeting at 6.03pm.

It was suggested to have a large marquee with two small ones on each side to offer childrens activities and adults exhibitions. The idea would be to keep adults as well as children entertained in the same area.

Mr. L. Evans offered his apologies and joined the meeting at 6.08pm.

The Events Officer further reported on her meeting with Sylvia Endacott and Shirley Lewis where it was agreed that they would do a display on Venables, Guermonprez and the Mulberry Harbour's. Sylvia Endacott would also approach Vanessa Mills with a view to including displays about fishermen.

Members debated the issue of having events inside buildings in hot weather and felt that marquees would draw more people in. However there would be a cost implication. The Committee also noted that the road closure would be unnecessary on Saturday unless there are some events put in and would save money. T. Bell clarified that the road closure was put in place when the classic cars cavalcade was split into two days. However it was not popular with the participants and had to be changed back to one day only. Holding Craft Fair or Car Boot Sale within the road closure was suggested. It was pointed out that it had already been decided not to have a craft fair and investigate the possibility of a food fair. This had been pursued and the Events Officer was awaiting a reply from a person who has contacts with the Emsworth Food Festival. Following further debate, it was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Events Officer investigates the possibility of one day road closure, approach Max Cole re old fashioned rides and obtains exact costs of the marquees. Comment was made about the type of marquees used at the Pevensey Festival and the Events Officer agreed to find out their supplier.

6. INITIAL PROPOSALS FOR 2007 EVENT

At the last meeting it had been **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** that 'Creatures of the Deep' theme be accepted. This should be ratified at the next Council Meeting on 29th January.

With regards to the entertainment, the Events Officer had a meeting with Pip Frederick where he agreed to arrange more entertainment for the bandstand and a commentator to entertain the public. He would put a programme together and let us know in due course. Comment was made regarding the need to revive the entertainment and suggested we look around the UK for something new. It was highlighted that this had already been discussed at the last meeting and decided to continue using P. Frederick. However could be re considered next year.

In the absence of S. Hardy there was no news with regards to the sponsorship of the Sandcastle competition but it was hoped that it would continue. It was thought that marshalling the competition should be considered as there were some adults helping children last year. This might be due to the cash price.

With regards to the Cavalcade, it was noted that T. Bell had kindly agreed to run it on the day. The invitations and entry forms have gone out to those who had expressed interest in attending or had attended last year. Already 15 entries received. The Committee discussed the possibility of putting a limit on the numbers or extending the road closure area to accommodate the entries. T. Bell advised that one year the Place St. Maur was used for the military vehicles but unfortunately not many people came to see the vehicles and the cavalcaders felt excluded. He also suggested a deadline of 120 cars. It was agreed to liaise with T. Bell on this and make the judgement as the entries come in.

With regard to the Teddy Bears' Picnic, a catchy name needs to be found to tie in with the theme. Provisionally £50 had been allocated in the budget however this might be changed once the activities are chosen. The Events Officer would also try to obtain some kind of sponsorship.

It was suggested a photography competition could be reinstated, as it had proven popular in the past. Bognor Regis orientated photos could be exhibited at the Theatre and perhaps even projected onto a screen. Query was raised whether the Theatre would charge us for the hire and it was noted that the studio hire is only about £10/hour. It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** that the Events Officer pursues this.

Members also discussed how the Place St. Maur could be used on Sunday and a number of suggestions was put forward including a junk model competition. The details could be sent to the

junior schools before the Festival and completed models displayed on the day. It was **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** this be accepted.

There was some debate on the hire of an inflatable creature such as whale, octopus or crab. It was felt that this could be a good visual and recommended that Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society is contacted for a quote.

It was noted that the Events Officer had written to Mr. Mager regarding donkeys with the dates and was awaiting his answer.

Some concern was expressed about the reported possible sale of the open top buses that appear at the event. The Events Officer had already written to them and if no reply is received by next week, she would phone.

The Committee discussed the idea of organising a Deep Sea Ball at the RNH on Friday night and the cost implications. There was concern that people would not buy the tickets for approx £30 and the necessary numbers to make it viable would not be achieved. It was thought that local groups could be invited and tables allocated accordingly. The ticket price could be set per person as well as per table and attendees could have their photos taken by a professional photographer. It was agreed to look at the support available and investigate the min. number that would make it viable.

Mr. L. Evans offered his apologies and left the meeting at 7.05pm.

It was reported that David Bone had agreed to do a 'stroll along the promenade and fossils talk'. This would be along the stretch in front of Marine Drive from Nyewood Lane to Silverston Avenue. The Committee noted that he would charge for his expenses about £35. Query was raised re the maximum number of people he could take. A limit might need to be put on the numbers due to his popularity.

Query was raised re the Mike Jupp's proposed jigsaw competition and the Events Officer informed the Committee that she was awaiting the crucial information from the coast guard and Arun DC regarding tide times. Until this is received, she is unable to do any planning for this event. The idea is to have tables set up on the beach, with the tide coming in, and teams have to try and complete the jigsaw puzzles before the tide carries the pieces away. It was noted that the new Foreshore Officer starts on Monday and suggested contacting Darrell Hardy too. The Events Officer will also liaise with Paul Wells re this.

7. DRAFT BUDGET 2007

Confidential budget list was circulated to those present and the Events Officer commented on the estimated figures. The Committee noted that there was no amount allocated to design & print of the programmes as this was sponsored by the Observer and it was hoped that the support would continue. This is yet to be confirmed. Concern was expressed over the amount allocated to the First Aid and the Events Officer agreed to approach St. John Ambulance for a quote. Further there was some debate re sponsorship from local businesses and grants from the Lottery, WSCC and Southern Water. The Events Officer will pursue.

8. PUBLICITY AND MARKETING

The Events Officer reported on the meeting with Robin Parker, the reconstruction of the website and the email distribution list.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

The only correspondence received were classic cars booking forms.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **21st February 2007 at 6pm in the Council Chamber.**

The meeting ended at 7.32pm