



# **BOGNOR REGIS TOWN COUNCIL**

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## **MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE EVENTS, PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: J. Brooks (Chairman), Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. S. Daniells, P. Dillon, and W. Toovey (from Min. 33)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. S. Holmes. (Head of Street Scene and Leisure Services)  
Mrs. L. Gill (Clerical Assistant)  
Three Councillors in the Public Gallery  
One member of the public in the Public Gallery  
One member of the press in the Public Gallery

*The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm*

### **71. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies had been received from Cllrs. R Nash and Mrs. J. Warr.

### **72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and Officers were reminded to make any declarations of Pecuniary and/or non-Pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on this Agenda

Members and Officers should declare an interest by stating:-

- a) The item they have an interest in
- b) Whether it is a non-Pecuniary interest and the nature of the interest
- c) Whether it is also a Pecuniary interest
- d) If it is a Pecuniary interest, whether they will be exercising their right to speak under Question Time.

They then need to re-declare their interest and the nature of the interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent. They should request that it be recorded in the Minutes that they will leave the meeting and will take no part in discussion, nor vote on, the item.

In accordance with good practice, individual forms were available to those Councillors present in order that they could personally record their interests - both Pecuniary and non-Pecuniary. These forms to be returned to the Committee Clerk at the end of the meeting to enable all declarations of interest to be accurately recorded in the Minutes. Members were reminded that it is their responsibility to notify the Monitoring Officer of all Pecuniary Interests, not already recorded on their Register of Interests Form, within 28 days.

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

### **73. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6.34 pm to allow a Councillor in the Public Gallery to speak.*

Cllr. Wells requested that consideration be given to moving the Carnival back to a Saturday and extending the route round the town through the High Street and back to West Park. This, he felt, would bring more people into the town and they would return to the West Park where the fair and fireworks would be in the evening.

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

*6.37pm the meeting was reconvened.*

**74. FURTHER DISCUSSION AND DECISION ON THE TOWN CARNIVAL INCLUDING THE DATE, ROUTE AND THEME**

*Cllr. Wells, who was in the Public Gallery, was permitted to join in the discussion during this item.*

The Head of Street Scene and Leisure Services reported that the existing (shorter) route was chosen when the Carnival was re-launched by the Town Council as at that stage there were no vehicles available and it was felt that the route would be more suitable for walking groups, who made up the bulk of the entries. This route involved shutting the Regis Centre Car Park for the day. When it was first re-launched this event was run on a Saturday but the decision was made to move it to a Sunday as this meant less disruption to parking for traders and also that more people would be about on a Sunday to watch, or take part.

If Carnival day was moved to a Saturday, this would really need to use the longer route leaving from and returning to West Park so that the Regis Centre car park did not have to be closed for the day.

The Head of Street Scene and Leisure Services advised that with the inclusion now of large articulated lorry floats the transit of the parade down the High Street could pose problems, including the narrow roads, the fact that it is restricted to buses and that the buses would have to be detoured for the duration of the procession, or otherwise managed. A meeting is being arranged with WSCC Highways and the Police to discuss the full implications of the proposed extended route which Cllrs. Brooks and Wells are also invited to attend. Initial consultation with the Police would suggest that a rolling road closure would not be possible and the whole route would need to be shut down until the parade had passed. The date which was set at the last Events Promotion and Publicity Meeting has now been publicised and previous entrants have been informed and to change it now could cause confusion.

There was a discussion on the merits of changing the day and route of the Carnival. A Member suggested that the return to West Park could mean the parade would finish with a “party atmosphere” which could go into the evening with the fair and fireworks. Another Member who has walked with the Carnival in the past felt that most people are tired by the end of the parade and really just want to go home. It was acknowledged that there may be some difficulties with the extended route and that it was late to change the day for this year having publicised it. Following further discussion, it was proposed that the date remain the same for this year, the theme for the Carnival be “World of Cartoons” and the route to be finalised once the meeting with WSCC Highways and the Police has taken place. This was **AGREED.**

A Member asked if there could be other entertainment provided at West Park. The Head of Street Scene and Leisure Services said that would depend on the budget which had been previously set and may be stretched if the longer route was used.

**75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Date of next Meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013

*The Meeting closed at 7.08 pm*