



# Rugeley Town Council

Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held in the Council Chamber  
at 7.30pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

PRESENT: Councillors:      A. Cooney                      C Green  
   I Hodgson (Chair)        O Lyons

ALSO PRESENT:              H Goodreid – Town Clerk  
   S Bird – Development Manager  
   Cllr N Stanley

Min No	Item	Action
<b>25</b> 25.1	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Ansell, Gunner and Martin.	
<b>26</b> 26.1	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> None	
<b>27</b> 27.1	<b>To receive any requests for dispensation</b> None	
<b>28</b> 28.1	<b>Chair to close the meeting for the public session.</b> No members of the public were in attendance and no questions had been submitted.	
<b>29</b>	<b>Chair to reopen meeting</b>	
<b>30</b> 30.1	<b>Minutes</b> The Minutes of the Community Engagement Committee held on 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 were approved as a true and accurate record. <i>Proposed: Cllr Green; Seconded: Cllr Cooney</i> <b>It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 be approved.</b>	
<b>31</b> 31.1	<b>Actions Arising from the Minutes</b> All items had been dealt with or were on the agenda.	

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<b>32</b>	<b>Income and Expenditure Report</b>	
32.1	The Income and Expenditure Report for April and May was noted.	
32.2	Following presentations by the three shortlisted contractors, it had been agreed to let the contract for the Christmas Lights for the next 3 years to Festive Lighting Company. Cllrs noted that the costs for the new Christmas Lights contract had come in over budget and in addition, the electricity costs are also likely to be in excess of the original budget. This was noted.	
<b>33</b>	<b>Big Celebration / Queens Jubilee Event Feedback</b>	
33.1	Cllrs were in receipt of a report which looked at the detail of the days events and lessons learnt. Thanks went to all staff involved in making the day a success and their effort in the weeks and months leading up to the event as well as on the day. Thanks also went to the Councillors who helped in many ways to make the day a success.	
33.2	Councillors considered future events for the town and if they were best suited in town itself or on Hagley Field or Green Lane. Also did we want to go back to Charter Fair style events with the floats / parade and the accompanying fun fair.	
33.3	It was noted that the number of floats / walking groups / school trolleys participating at the Charter Fair had reduced year on year and should the weather be unseasonable, then this made the parade unviable.	
33.4	Whilst the Charter Fair itself was free to access, the rides and some activities during the day often carried a cost to the public. However, when we had run the Big Celebration, all activities had been free of charge to all members of public including the refreshments, the inflatable activities, and the bands. The cost of the Big Celebration had been noticeably less than the cost of Charter Fair in previous years.	
33.5	It was noted that we probably hadn't got as many people attending the evening event as we had clashed with the Rugeley Rocks festival at St Augustines and individuals own jubilee celebrations. Important to ensure that we don't clash with other local events in future.	
33.6	Only one accident had been attended during the day and that was because of a trip on uneven paving in the town centre. Clerk was asked to invite Mark Keeling from SCC to next meeting.	
<b>34</b>	<b>Development Managers Report</b>	
34.1	Cllrs had received the Development Managers report. In addition to the feedback on the Big Celebration, Cllrs were made aware of work being undertaken to run a Wedding Fayre through the Rose Theatre and support refugee families with a welcome event in the Rose Theatre.	
34.2	Other events being arranged for the upcoming months included the Queens Baton Relay celebration on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, the opening of the	

	Mindfulness Garden, Christmas Lights event on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the next 6 Artisan Markets.	
<b>35</b> 35.1	<b>Hedgehog Highway Project</b> The council had received a letter inviting us to buy a box of hedgehog highway surrounds and make them available for residents. Cllrs noted that we do not own any land but supported the project and would promote it on the website / social media.	
<b>36</b> 36.1	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Community Engagement Committee would be held on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm.	

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed:

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022