

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council Events Committee held via the Zoom app on Monday 28th September 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Paul Titley (Chair) (PT)
 Councillor David Burn (DB)
 Councillor Allan Daniels (ADa)
 Councillor Sally Lansbury (SL)
 Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer) (CP)
 Sue Plant (Events Co-ordinator) (SP)
 David Roberts (Keswick Lions Club) (DR)
 David Quainton (Keswick Rotary Club) (DQ)
 Karen Mullarkey (Keswick Tourism Association) (KM)
 Chris Harper (Podgy Paws) (CH)

7. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Lynda Walker, Phil Byers, Councillor Dunn, Councillor Lywood, Rachel Kearns & Gill Montgomery.

8. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Events Committee Meeting held on the 16th July 2020 (page 1).

9. Christmas 2020

CP reported that a discussion had taken place with the contractor on 15th September with the following updates: -

- **Christmas Tree** - The contractor could supply a 15 to 20 ft real tree which would be upcycled into mulch (approx. diameter 2 to 2.5 metres plus 50cm to allow for fencing), they could only source a 6 ft rooted tree.
RESOLVED that the contractor be asked to supply a real tree, to be located in Lower Market Square as previously agreed.
- **Installation** – The icicles would be installed the last week in October with the tree being delivered the 1st week of November, install should take 3-4 nights. These dates would be confirmed once discussions had taken place with the install team.
- **Cross street** – The suggestion of a ‘thank you’ cross street display at a cost of approx. £1,200.00 was discussed.
RESOLVED that this idea be not pursued given the cost involved and other initiatives taking place within the town.
- **Illumination times** – It was **RESOLVED** that the display timers be set from 1pm until 10.30pm, given that licensed premises are required to close at 10pm.

Switch On Event 2020 – Following discussions it was **RESOLVED** that no Switch On Event take place this year due to Covid 19 restrictions, although the Mayor would switch on the display during November.

10. Remembrance Sunday

PT reported that Revd Charles Hope, St Johns Church (as the organisation responsible for Remembrance Day) was looking at the possibility of holding an outdoor service with restricted numbers, including representatives from organisations within the town. Financial support

would be required - £200 for amplification and £800 to live stream. The area could be marked out by Charles in line with social distancing rules.

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

- the first step would be for PT and Charles to contact the Police to obtain advice on restrictions in place and regulations to be adhered to for Remembrance Day, prior to any further decisions being made.
- CP contact Workington and Cockermouth Town Councils to ask what plans, if any, they have in place.
- SP contact Keswick Lions and Keswick Rotary to ask for stewards on the day if the service is allowed to take place.
- the committee were content with amplification and not live streaming should the event take place.

11. **Himalayan Balsam Bashing Event**

RECEIVED a report from Councillor Peter Terry.

RESOLVED that the committee support this in principle and suggest that organisers have teams of no more than 6. This is on the understanding that Suskes organise the event themselves and if they require any funding they would need to put in a request.

Dave Roberts (Keswick Lions) joined the meeting at 11am.

12. **Updates from partners**

UK SUP Fest – Crow Park, 13th to 15th August 2021 – Following an email received from Colin Fox, Siiboo, it was **RESOLVED** that the event be given our support and that they be asked to comply with the Plastic Code, this was our only input.

KTA Live Advent (KM) – Windows would be in place for the 1st December and that one per day would be illuminated, with no event taking place unless restrictions were lifted.

Keswick Mountain Festival (SL) – The organisers were still planning to go ahead with the 2021 event at this stage.

Keswick Rotary Club (DQ) – The Tree of Light will be illuminated to coincide with the Town Christmas displays.

Battersby Charity, Moot Hall – The charity have concerns in relation to the damage that may be caused to the Moot Hall by the Christmas Light and Event Banner fixings, they would like to meet in the New Year to discuss this. **RESOLVED** that LW organise a meeting date in early 2021.

13. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 10.30 a.m.

The meeting ended at 11.15am

Chairman

Date