

KESWICK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Keswick Town Council Events Committee held via the Zoom app on Tuesday 9 March 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Paul Titley (Chair) (PT)
 Councillor David Burn (DB)
 Councillor Alan Dunn (ADu)
 Vivien Little (Town Clerk) (VL)
 Lynda Walker (Town Clerk) (LW)
 Catherine Parker (Responsible Financial Officer) (CP)
 David Quanton (Keswick Rotary Club) (DQ)
 Vanessa Metcalfe (Keswick Tourism Association) (VM)
 Mary Elliot (Theatre by the Lake) (ME)
 Phil Byers (Allerdale Borough Council) (PB)

24. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lywood and from Councillor Lansbury.

25. Minutes

RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Events Committee meeting held on 3 November 2020 (page 6).

26. Update on Events Planned for 2021

- i) **Keswick Mountain Festival:** PT reported that the Mountain Festival was expected to take place 10-12 September 2021.
- ii) **Midsummer Festival:**
 Discussion was had over potential dates for the Midsummer Festival. It was felt that given the earliest point that lockdown could be lifted was 21 June, a date too close to that could be affected by any slippage. Therefore any events should not occur before the end of July, however it was felt that care should be taken not to clash with any pre-arranged other event, such as the Trail Run on 4 September 2021.
Rock night
 Concern was raised that even if lockdown were lifted, 1500 people crammed into Town Square would be seen as a rash decision. The consensus was that the Rock Night should not go ahead this year.
Scruffs
 Scruffs was recognised to be a huge effort to put on every year, and Chris Harper from Podgy Paws already had a lot on her plate, and she felt unable to gather up prizes for an event this year. There was a possibility that Scruffs could be run as rosette-only, without the prizes, but would be confirmed at the next meeting.
Prom
 Discussion was had over the possibility of holding a Prom this year. In order to ensure being free from any Covid restrictions, it was decided it would be best to hold it later in the year, with perhaps an extended event from 2pm to allow more pop/rock music, with classical music later in the day. VM brought up the fact that the Prom would be easier to socially distance, and she had had enquiries about this event already. Sheila Hughes has asked for help to organise this as she cannot fully organise, and ADu was confident that other competent people were capable of helping organise an event.

If any events were to happen over a to be decided weekend, PB stated that they would be happy to loan gazebos for stalls. A decision as to whether any events would go ahead would be made at the next meeting of the Events Committee.

RESOLVED that any decision on rescheduled dates for the Midsummer festival be made at the April meeting of this Committee.

- iii) **Partner Events:** It was unknown whether either the Jazz Festival or the Beer festival would be held this year. ME would be able to confirm when the Theatre by the Lake was able to open hopefully by the time of the next meeting of this Committee.

27. Christmas Lighting Contract

CP explained that tender documents had been drafted, and that the next stage would be for the documents to be approved by full Council. These would then go to interested parties. Discussion was had over who should turn on the Christmas lights. It had been due to be First Responders in 2020, but since the event had been cancelled, it was considered appropriate to invite them back again this year.

RESOLVED that the date for the Christmas Lights turn on should be 19 November 2021.

28. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13 April 2021 at 2 p.m.

The meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.

Chairman

Date