

**STOKESLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

A Meeting of the Communications and Events Committee  
was held in the Town Hall, Stokesley on Thursday 8 December 2022

**Communications and Events Committee Membership**

Cllr Sally Atkinson, Cllr Chris Johnson, Cllr Graham Sowerby and Cllr Andy Wake plus non-council representatives – Mr Richard Agar and Mrs Sue Thompson.

**Present:** Cllrs Sally Atkinson, Chris Johnson, Graham Sowerby and Andy Wake.

Non-Council Members – Mrs Sue Thompson and 4 members of the public who are assisting with the Book Festival.

Town Clerk – Julie Mcluckie.

**1/08/12/22 NOTICE OF MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the public notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**2/08/12/22 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None present.

**3/08/12/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

**4/08/12/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None declared.

**5/08/12/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2022**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2022 be agreed.

**6/08/12/22 EVENTS 2022**

- a. **Stokesley Sparkle Event – Friday 25 November 2022 – Review - RESOLVED** it was agreed that Friday proved to be a better day for this event with an increase in footfall. The Christmas Tree Light Switch On had proven a great success and Michael was thanked for his participation. that next year tickets to visit Santa would be sold in event to prevent large queues in the entrance hall. All children visiting Santa must be accompanied by an adult (this would be stipulated on the ticket). Craft bags would be created that could be made on site or taken home to make, this was to ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to participate in this activity as this year some groups spent all evening making crafts which meant others were unable to. The Clerk would arrange for rides to be on site next year along with some additional

outside Christmas stalls. Businesses to be encouraged to produce vouchers or attend the Town Hall to promote their offers.

### **7/08/12/22 EVENTS 2023**

- a. King's Coronation – **RESOLVED** that as the King had announced that the ceremony would be short and at 11 am it was agreed that no event would be organised and that the Farmers Market could take place as normal.
  
- b. Book Festival – Sunday 25 June 2023 - a lot of work has already taken place in securing authors, illustrators and journalists to participate in the event. The Globe, Rotary Club and local schools have also been approached to be involved. The day would include a 'story competition' aged at different age groups with older students judging the younger writers work and the 15 to 18 year old category would be judged by Andy Preston – Mayor of Middlesbrough, Sally Walker – D&S Columnist, Gabriella Gordon – Local Author and David Smith – Poet. Other plans include a historical trail around the Town, a trail around the shops, window art, character dressing up competitions, comic art / graphic novels. As well as utilising all of the Town Hall the plan would be to use the Plain for stalls and other events as well. **RESOLVED** that the promotion of the event commence in the second week of January. The Clerk would commence work to try and secure sponsorship. The local Churches and JPC Community Farm to be asked if they would like to be involved. The Clerk would also liaise with NYCC Libraries to see if they have any ideas or funding and HDC regarding window dressing and funding.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed ..... Date.....