



Sleaford Town Council  
Culture, Events and Markets Panel  
Notes and Report of Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
10.30am to 11.55am

Panel members present:

Councillor Paul Edwards-Shea  
Councillor Linda Edwards-Shea  
Councillor Ken Fernandes  
Councillor John Parry  
Councillor Adrian Snookes

Also present:

A representative from New Life Church

Meeting and Panel supported by the Deputy Clerk and Administration Officer (SG).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence with reasons were received from Councillor James Thomas and Councillor David Suiter.

**2. Minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

The Minutes from the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were received and noted. It was also noted that all the recommendations from the Minutes were ratified by Full Council on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**3. Christmas Market Group Meeting Report from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

The report was received and noted.

It was queried whether the reports should go to Full Council – the Deputy Clerk to consult with the Clerk and report back.

**4. Events for 2021 – for discussion and make any recommendations to Full Council**

**a) Multi Faith Service**

The Panel agreed to discuss the Multi Faith Service first due to the New Life Church representative being present.

The representative from New Life Church addressed the Panel and expressed the desire for Churches Together to take part in the Service, together with the other faiths. It was suggested that the Service takes place outdoors, possibly the Market Place, or in St Denys' Church, due to its size.

Discussion followed regarding incorporating the Service with a Thanksgiving Service.

The possibility of postponing the idea until 2022, when the pandemic is possibly more under control, was also discussed.

**Recommendation: that Full Council agree to postpone the Multi Faith Service until 2022, but to keep the idea moving forward. Churches Together, the Sleaford Muslim Community and other faiths to be kept updated with regards to a future discussion meeting and to agree a way forward to implement the idea.**

## **b) An Area of Contemplation**

Ideas were put forward for Eastgate Green, to commemorate HRH Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh and to remember those who had lost their lives in the pandemic. It was agreed that the two commemorations should be kept separate to each other.

A letter was received from the Rotary Club of Sleaford with a similar idea for commemorating the lives lost in the pandemic.

Future discussions to take place about these events.

The representative from New Life Church was thanked for his participation and he then left the meeting.

## **5. Events for 2022**

### **a) 1940s Day Event**

Discussion took place as to the possible venue for this event. It was agreed that the most suitable area would be Navigation Yard (permission to be sought from NKDC), Eastgate Green and part of Eastgate Car Park.

An expression of concern over the budget for this event was raised, but it was noted by the Panel that the Town Council do have a budget to cover events. The Panel will look at costings at a future meeting which will include services staff costs, banners, signage, outdoor games, performers etc.

It was also noted Full Council have already given permission, in principle, for a 1940s Day event take place in 2022.

**Recommendation: that Full Council agree to the event being held in June 2022, with the day itself to be confirmed.**

The Deputy Clerk alerted the Panel to the time capacities of the workforce and asked that no more events be discussed at this meeting.

This was agreed and it was requested that a list and calendar of annual events be brought to the next Panel meeting for discussion.

## **6. Car Boot Sales**

The Panel noted that usually, the Town Council hold Car Boot Sales from April to October in Eastgate Car Park, but that they had been cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

It was agreed that Car Boot Sales be looked at with the list of other events, at the next Panel meeting.

## **7. Date and time of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 10.00am.

The meeting finished at 12.00 Noon.