

Minutes of the Town Hall Committee of Eye Town Council held at p.m. on March 28th, 2019

Persons attending: The Mayor, Cllr Byles (Chair), Cllrs M Smith, J Blake, R Berry, Evitt and J Walker (attended for item 2)

1. Apologies for absence – none received
2. The Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Eye. Cllr Walker requested that the Town Hall be made available for an annual joint meeting of 4 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. This was agreed by the Committee and no hiring fee will be charged.
3. The email from Miss Wright (copy sent to all members of the Committee) was considered by the Committee and it was agreed that the Chair should proceed to produce a brochure advertising the Town Hall facilities and to bring proofs of the Brochure to the next meeting. It was noted there is £1000 in the budget for marketing the Town Hall
4. Lighting in the Town Hall chamber -Cllr Berry reported he is still waiting for a quotation for lighting and expects to have one in the next 6 weeks.
5. New hiring charges- the Chair gave a report on her meeting with the hirer who is most adversely affected by the price hike. After some discussion it was agreed that it would be preferable to increase the hiring charge by £10 per week every two months till it reaches £75 a week in October. It was further agreed the Chair would check this out with the Town Clerk before proceeding along these lines.
6. A partnership with local wedding planners was considered again and the Committee confirmed agreement to proceed on the basis that the Town Council can bring any agreement to an end with a wedding planner should it so wish.
7. Relationships with our neighbours. These are good because the Chair and the DPS (Cllr Ribchester) have worked hard liaising with the neighbour most concerned about noise, explaining to hirers exactly what their obligations are under the hiring agreements and visiting the premises regularly to ensure the peace of neighbours is respected. This led to a discussion on the future of the Town Hall management. It was agreed the ultimate aim/aspiration was to generate enough income to enable a Manager to be appointed to run the Town Hall.
8. Future advertising of the town Hall facilities – The Chair was requested to investigate the possibility of a spread in the Eye Magazine, Village People magazine and an interview on Park Radio.
9. An update on the paintings in the Council chamber was received from Cllr Evitt. The large portrait of Sir Edward Kerrison and Mayor Peck will be repaired and back in situ by Easter and the next two paintings to be repaired are the Cornwallis (Man in Red Jacket) painting and the smaller Sir Edward Kerrison portrait.
10. Any other business – the Chair reported that she had taken a car load of rubbish to the landfill site in Norwich which included some defunct pots of paint. The Chair also showed the Committee a letter from a firm offering to find the Council a cheaper deal for utilities in the Town Hall. It was agreed the Town Clerk should look at the Off Gen website for information on gas and electricity tariffs. There was a suggestion of obtaining a road closure of the road between the Town Hall and the Queens Head to facilitate the Waveney Food Festival. This will be for Events Committee to progress.

The Meeting ended at 8.15pm.

No resolutions to Town Council