

Events Committee Meeting – Record of Meeting

Tuesday 27th April 2015, Council Chamber @ 8.00pm

Present: Maria Ford, Simon Hooton, Andrew Evitt, Mick Robins, Penny McSheehy, Bruce Salter, Harley Molesworth, Roz Barnett

Apologies: Caroline Byles, Brett Fraser

Spring Clean Eye – Sunday 22nd March

This event went well – there were 23 volunteers, including those serving refreshments. Key areas around town were identified as being in need of a tidy and 18 bags of rubbish were collected. The inside of the bus stop is hugely improved following a coat of paint. HM, MF and BS volunteered to paint the outside of the bus shelter when the weather improves. MF to suggest possible dates. Concerns were expressed that the efforts of the volunteers were sadly not long lived as litter has already accumulated along the footpath next to Hartismere. AE suggested that the Town Council lobby the police to take littering more seriously. MF suggested having two events a year although accepted that this was not be an ideal solution. The Mayor has been asked to thank Workwear and the Handyman for the sponsorship of the event. MF expressed disappointment that the EADT did not cover the event even though they were emailed photos and notes. The Diss Express did cover the event. HM reported that there were suggestions on the website from the public suggesting areas requiring attention. AE recommended that this should be highlighted at the Eye Town meeting.

Run For Fun- Saturday 18th of April

SH reported a disappointing turnout. 3 mums with children attended the event and took part in the orienteering.

Open Gardens 6th/7th of June Scarecrow completion.

The theme for the scarecrow competition this year will be heroes and villains and everyone is encouraged to participate. BS advised that it is hoped to send promotional flyers home in the primary school children's book bags. AE reported that there will be up to 34 gardens open. The fish and chips supper together with a talk will occur on Friday and there will be a concert on Saturday night, stalls and tea will be in the town hall. AE will ask Joy to write something for inclusion on the website. Clerk to clarify date for plant sale with Charles Michell.

Mayor Making 2015

Clerk and MF are organizing the event together. Invitations will go out shortly. It will be a traditional event with no major changes. The clerk will check marshalling arrangements with Suffolk County Council. AE offered to look after visiting Mayors in the Council Chamber. PMcS has offered to help with refreshments.

Cricket Club – June

Date of event is 21st of June. SH advised there are 13 confirmed players for the Town Team but is trying to recruit some female players. The event will be promoted to encourage spectators. Match time is 2pm and it is suggested that players and spectators arrive at 1.15pm. Arrangements for the match tea still to come.

Waveney Valley Folk Collective – 19th September

The Waveney Valley Folk Collective will organise the music line up. It will run from lunchtime until the evening. It is hoped that the pub will run the bar as a mini-beer festival. HM is in discussions with the pub. If any local Eye acts would like to be involved then names should be given to the clerk. Details of arrangements to be discussed at the next meeting.

490th Bomb Group – 40th weekend 8th/9th August

Many events are organised for the weekend. The 490th would like to come to the Town meeting and the Town Council meeting to provide an update. Clerk to check qualifications for doing road closures and to ask people to volunteer to do it.

Mayor's Ball – 25th April

The Mayor's Scottish ball a great success and was well attended. No complaints received from neighbours.

Eye Arts Festival 29th-31st August

The Bank have asked what the TC would like to see in the Town Hall - any ideas to MF before the next meeting. It was suggested that an art exhibition by Hartismere students be held in the hall and that we

launch a photography competition. The clerk to discuss with contacts at the high school and MF to speak with Rebecca from The Bank. (This may allow us to use some Awards for All money on accommodating young people in the Town Hall).

Heritage Weekend 12th and 13th of September

Suggested theme is history of buildings in Eye. Ideas to follow up

- Tacon Close - local history work (Tony Diamond)
- Plans and drawings Sarah Hucklesby
- Toby Pulford postcard collection
- Gallipoli performance
- 200 years waterloo and Agincourt 600 year anniversary
- £800 to spend
- Transportation in Eye
- Pop up museum for locally found artifacts

Waveney Valley Food festival 3rd of October

SH is happy to organise the Pie competition again this year. Ideas to follow up

- Offer stalls (foodie crafters) – promotion on the web (HM) and booking form to be done by clerk
- Clerk to contact Waveney Valley Food festival group.
- Allotment holders selling their produce
- Country Market
- Better publicity

Give and Take Day

This will not be organised by local volunteers this year but MF suggested that it could be a fund raising idea for ETHIC.

Awards for All – money available

- £2,500 to spend on young people's events. Clerk and HM to come up with a plan for the next meeting. MF suggested asking existing local groups whether they would like to organize activities. ETHIC may organize a children's heritage party. Additional ideas and imagined costs to HM and clerk asap.
- £1,351.00 to spend on exhibition including noticeboards (may be required for arts festival weekend) – MF to look in to.
- £800 for adult events including heritage weekend
- £300 for information services day suggested date in October.

A plan must be agreed at the next meeting to ensure the funding is spent by the end of December.

Would you like a cup of tea? – book launch

MF informed the committee that a book detailing eye witness accounts and photos of the US Air force in Eye and Horham during WWII has been written by R Dinnin, E Hudson, S Brown and G Randall. The book launch is planned for Summer 2016. Monies raised from the book will be donated to ETHIC. The TC are unable to underwrite the project but SH suggested that the group speak to him as chair of ETHIC.

MF to report back to Edward Hudson and to also suggest the group contact the 490th Bomb Group who are planning an event to commemorate VJ in May next year.

Please advise of inaccuracies or omissions.

M Ford
4.5.2015