



# EYE TOWN COUNCIL

## EYE EVENTS COMMITTEE - RECORD OF MEETING

TUESDAY 6TH 2015 @8.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, EYE TOWN HALL, EYE, SUFFOLK

Present: Harley Molesworth, Bruce Salter, Penney McSheehy, Simon Hooton and Maria Ford

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1. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF ABSENCES

Brett Fraser and Andrew Evitt

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS  
None

3. TO NOTE THE RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETING  
Noted

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETING (NOT ON THIS AGENDA)  
Suggested purchase of road closure barriers for town events. Guy McGregor has agreed to fund the purchase of the barriers. MF to liaise with the clerk to place order once monies have been received.

5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC AND CORRESPONDENCE  
Email from Philip Rooke of Bressingham Steam Trains offering to attend our Christmas event with a Vintage Fire Engine. Committee agreed to invite him along - MF.

6. REVIEW OF PRVIOUS EVENTS

Heritage Weekend - 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September

There was a steady flow of people throughout the weekend but once again publicity was a problem. MF commented that the guided walks around The Priory and Eye Castle appeared popular. This event will continue to fall under ETHIC but with more support from the Events Committee.

Waveney Valley Folk Collective - September 19<sup>th</sup>

Again there was a steady flow of people through the afternoon and evening and the clerk reported that the performers were very happy with the venue. SH made that point that as a first event it went well and we now have something to work on and to grow this event. Too much beer was purchased but this may be resolved in the future if we work with the QH or other supplier to obtain alcohol. The Clerk reported to MF that she believes a profit in the region of £400 would benefit ETHIC.

BS commented that the town covers many events and it might be better to cover fewer events but to do each one better - SH agreed with BS and believes we need to look at a schedule of events to see what can be grouped together. SH suggested that perhaps the folk festival could become part of Eye's contribution to the Waveney Valley Food Festival next year. MF to provide a schedule of events in the town for consideration/discussion at our meeting in January 2016.

BS advised that Guy McGregor has agreed to purchase 4 advertising frames that will be placed at the entrances to Eye from the A140, Stradbroke and Occold. These frames will allow for interchangeable event signs of specific dimensions. BS also advised that there is a contact in town who is a sign maker and is happy to produce signs at reasonable costs.

MF advised there is also the option to put a sign up on the north end of the Town Hall but the Clerk is in charge of the booking for this - there is a minimal cost for non-Council events.

7. PLANNING FOR UP COMING EVENTS

Waveney Valley Food Festival - October 10th

SH has organised the pie festival in the Town Hall. The event has a later start should participants require time to prepare and make pies on the day. It is difficult to gauge interest at this time but we hope it is well supported. The Queen's Head has sponsored the event (£100) so that cash prizes can be offered.

### Heritage of Eye Photography Competition - closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October

This competition was well received during the Heritage weekend. Although originally intended to be a digital/on-line competition it was identified that many people still choose to use film cameras and the terms and conditions have been amended to allow this and to allow anyone with connections to Eye to enter, as well as residents.

HM suggested that the students from Hartismere are made aware of the competition and SH advised that he has viewed some of their work recently which he considers to be very good.

### Community Information Day - November 12<sup>th</sup>

Although there was good response from those wishing to take part in the event originally planned for 1<sup>st</sup> October, the Clerk advised that certain key organisations had not signed up which is why MF and the Clerk took the decision to postpone the event until November 12<sup>th</sup>. This event will be better publicised and will be in the November issue of the Eye Magazine.

### Eye Christmas Evening - December 4<sup>th</sup>

Christmas lights have been tendered for - responses are due by 30<sup>th</sup> October. MF will circulate to Councillors for their contributions to help in deciding on whom to appoint this year.

Traffic safety barriers are to be ordered. BS contact is happy to put out the diversion signs.

MF advised of difficulty in finding an affordable stage to hire for the event. Park Radio has advised that they can provide a gazebo to go over our usual stage (used last year) and the cost for their participation in the evening would be £150. Discussion tended to be on the side of whether Park Radio provides what we want in the evening and it was eventually decided that we would not accept their offer to MC the event. MF to relay this to them.

BS suggested that we need a strong character who can MC the evening. We have our own PA system and can play music through it. SH knows many theatrical 'types' who could be asked to do the role. SH to follow this up. SH also advised that he would be happy to do this role if needed, although he is also extremely busy as this time of year. SH to report back. We can offer a small fee for anyone interested who does not want to volunteer their services.

MF has yet to order the Minion costume for the evening, and we have not looked into finding someone to wear it. MF to come back to the committee on this before ordering.

SH advised that the Panto Band is happy to do a medley of songs during the evening.

The Bach Choir may be interested in participating. MF to follow up.

Following a meeting Adrian Beatty had with the primary school, a children's treasure hunt around town has been suggested with the idea of keeping people in town longer. MF advised AB that this would need to be organised by the Business Forum.

The primary school will sing Carols as usual.

MF suggested having the winning images of the Heritage of Eye photograph competition in local shops during the evening and for the winners to receive a winners certificate to be presented as part of the evening.

SH said he would get together 20 jokes that can be written on large sheets of paper/board and put up in shop windows.

Bressingham will be invited to attend with their vintage fire engine.

MF to speak with the manager of McColls to ask if they would consider putting up Christmas lights this year.

MF to make contact with the landlord of the old Green Door premises to see whether the shop front could be used during the evening.

PMcS advises that ETHIC will be arranging for a Christmas Tee in the Town Hall again this year.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### Website Update

Harley advised that the new Eye Town Council website is just about ready to go live. It is easier to navigate and for people to put events up. The SALC competition for website of the year closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Harley intends to enter the TC website for this.

### Business Forum Liaison

The committee discussed this and it was decided that with 4 Councillors and 3 residents, two of which are Business Forum members, it was not necessary to increase our numbers. We shall continue to work together as we already do.

### Awards for All Money

This hasn't all been accounted for as yet and MF is to liaise with Clerk on this

Budget Setting

MF suggested postponing this item until the Christmas lights tenders are in which will help to inform our budget setting.

Over the folk festival weekend there was also events at the QH, The Bank and the Community Centre. It's been suggested that this is too many events to have in one evening in the town. The idea of a community diary has been raised in the past so that venues can choose different days to host events. The committee considered that this is not something that we have any jurisdiction over and we must expect that the organisers of these events/activities are responsible for ensuring that there is no or little disruption to residents.

Date of Meeting - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015, 8.15 pm in Council Chamber

Maria Ford - 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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