

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Community and Town Promotion Committee** meeting held via Zoom on the 15th April 2021, commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr F Vandelli (Chair) S D'Arcy Cllr C Doody
Cllr K Power Cllr C Ritchie

Also present: Acting Town Clerk, Maria Marsh (Hobbes Society) Yvonne Ward & Helen King

CTP/21/33. To receive declarations of interest

None

CTP/21/34. To receive apologies

Cllrs C Hardwick, G Grant & J Exton

CTP/21/35. Public Question Time in respect of items included in the Agenda.

None

CTP/21/36. To receive & approve the Minutes of meeting held on 18th March 2021

Subject to amendment at CTP/21/28, the minutes of meeting held on the 18th March were approved as a correct record.

CTP/21/37. To invite new Chair of Thomas Hobbes Society to discuss potential Philosophy Event to be held

Maria Marsh was in attendance as the representative from the Hobbes Society, Cllr Doody is also a member. It was noted that Alan Marshall is the new Chair of the Society and that a dinner 'style' event is planned for the 4th December which is Thomas Hobbes' birthday. The Community & Town Promotion Committee supports a joint event with the Society. A working group will be set up after the Society's meeting on the 22nd May.

CTP/21/38. To receive income & expenditure report

The Income & Expenditure report was received and noted.

CTP/21/39. To receive brief verbal updates from Working Groups;

St Aldhelm's Day

Members of the Working Group talked about the four main components of the event; there will be an online section, the Flower Festival, the outside climbing & an Historic Walk with Explore Malmesbury. It is hoped that another celebrity will be able to be involved again this year.

CommuniTea

Government Guidance will have to be received before more plans are made for this event.

Malmesbury in Bloom

Helen King has been working hard to increase contributions from local businesses. Letters and emails will be circulated promoting the competitions.

Celebrating the NHS

Cllr Ritchie had received a suggestion that an area is planted up with snowdrops or similar but this will need further consideration in the future.

School Art Exhibition

Cllr Vandelli is in contact with Barry Gustard at the School and the event is moving forwards with a contingency in place if required.

Explore Malmesbury

Cllr Ritchie notified the committee that the launch for Explore Malmesbury had taken place earlier in the day & that it was a great success. Helen & Yvonne were thanked for the work they had done with the trails. Thanks were also expressed to Cllr Ritchie for the work that he had put into the initiative.

TT & C&TP

Cllr Vandelli had circulated the notes from the meeting that took place on the 23rd March. Following discussion it was resolved that in addition, funding streams would be sought from Wiltshire Council and other sources to promote the Town.

CTP/21/40. To consider future of High St planters and put recommendations to TH&F

It was agreed that recommendations would go to TH&F asking the Library & Fruitful Malmesbury if they would like any of the planters and that a Facebook campaign is then set up to sell the remaining planters. Subject to any other sites being requested by C&TP & TH&F.

CTP/21/41. To receive a verbal update on Visit Wiltshire advertising

The Clerk stated that the advert would now be smaller as only a small advertising space was left and therefore would come well under budget, the artwork had been done by Phillip Kingsbury. The booklet itself is as yet unavailable but members would be notified as soon as it is published.

CTP/21/42. To form Working Group for WOMAD & determine course of action

It was resolved that the Working Group would consist of Cllrs D’Arcy, Vandelli & Doody.

Meeting closed at 8.46pm

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