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To All Members of the EATH Committee:

Keynsham Town Councillors: D Biddleston (CHAIR), C Brennan, M Burton, A Greenfield, H MacFie & C Davis

cc. All Other Town Councillors

Town Council Staff: Katherine Sears (Deputy Town Clerk)
Members of the Public: Jude Cron, Ric Davison , Rev'd Anika Gardiner

Dear Members of the EATH Committee

You are requested to attend the Events, Arts, Tourism and Heritage Committee meeting to be held in the **TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, 15-17 TEMPLE STREET, KEYNSHAM, on WEDNESDAY 6th September 2023 at 4 p.m.**

The Agenda for the meeting appears below.

Signed on 31st August 2023.
Katherine Sears, Deputy Town Clerk

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

When the continuous alarm sounds, you must evacuate the building by the exit and proceed to the assembly point: Grassed area past St. Cadoc House, Temple Street.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

EATH COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest under Keynsham Town Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 16th April 2019) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464 and as per Standing Order 3(v).

3. DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 13, to consider any requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to the item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself and to receive any disclosures of decisions as per item 7 of Keynsham Town Council's Dispensations Policy and Procedure Guide.

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to an individual item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with Standing Order 3(e)(ii), Members of the Public will have the opportunity to ask the Chairman any question concerning, or make observations upon, the business of the Council, at the start of the meeting, provided notice of the question along with the name and address of the member of public has been given to the Town Clerk at least four clear days before the meeting where possible, and in any case to the Chairman before the meeting. This also applies to all Committees of the Council.

5. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes of the extraordinary EATH Committee meeting held on 26th July 2023 (previously circulated) be signed by the Chairman.

6. KEYNSHAM NEWS

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive and discuss the quotes and options for future editions of Keynsham News.

7. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 24th NOVEMBER 2023 DRAFT BUDGET SHEET (to be presented at the meeting)

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive and note the Budget Sheet.

8. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 24th NOVEMBER 2023

a) **Road Closure, Park & Ride and Infrastructure**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive updates.

b) **First Aid and Security**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive updates in respect of the event.

c) **Fun Fair Update**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive update.

d) **Site Layout**

RECOMMENDATION:

i) *To receive update from walk through with BANES, Police and SJA.*

ii) *To receive updates on stage, climbing wall, choir locations and MakeSpace.*

e) **Procession Plans**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive updates in respect of the procession.

f) **St John's Christmas Tree**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive a verbal update.

g) **Entertainment Programme**

RECOMMENDATION:

To discuss entertainment on the Stage, Pop up areas and The Space.

h) **Stall Update**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive any updates, including location of stalls and number of stalls booked (charity, community groups, commercial and food outlets).

i) **Colouring Competition**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive update

j) **Pre-Event Workshops**

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive update and to agree the price to charge for the attendees of the workshops.

k) Window Display Competition

RECOMMENDATION:

To decide on date for judging and whether to invite anyone else as Judges.

l) Living Christmas Tree Give Away.

RECOMMENDATION:

To decide whether we are going to give away miniature Christmas trees again.

m) Sponsorship Update

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive updates.

9. KEYNSHAM RE-LOVED EVENT

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive an update on this event.

10. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive any updates.

11. SOMERDALE GATES

RECOMMENDATION:

To receive and note the latest update on the gates.

12. FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL

Eat Festival is a company who can organise a food and drink festival in Keynsham. They would source the traders, sort licenses, permit and any necessary road closures if needed (unlikely)

They currently have Saturday 5th and 19th October 2024 available.

With regard to costs they have said "As a ballpark you should consider the funding to be at least £2500 for a one-day event that is intended to become an Annual Festival."

RECOMMENDATION:

To decide if this is an event that the Town Council would like to include in their 2024 calendar, if so discuss whether to use Eat Festival or organise in house.

13. ANIMALS ARE NOT PRIZES

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider the correspondence below from a Keynsham resident received by Cllr Biddleston.

“Dear Councillor Biddleston,

As a concerned constituent and animal lover, I am writing to you today about the outdated practice of giving away pets - namely goldfish - as prizes.

While many believe this outdated practice belongs in history books and has no place in modern society, I was saddened to find out that this is still all too commonplace. In fact, according to a recent poll conducted by Savanta for the RSPCA, 86% of the British public were shocked to discover this piece of information, with 84% of people agreeing that local authorities should take action.

Across England and Wales each year, swathes of goldfish are sadly left hanging in unsuitable plastic bags at fairgrounds and fetes. Many of them are won by children or their parents, who are unprepared to take on a pet, simply as the result of winning a game. I'm sure you'll agree that pet ownership is a huge responsibility, and not one that should ever be prized off to the public.

As an animal lover, I feel strongly that more needs to be done to protect these animals, many of whom will sadly die before they actually reach their new homes. Goldfish are easily stressed and very often fish that are won as prizes suffer miserably from shock, oxygen starvation or from changes in water temperature.

As the summer season approaches and more public events take place, I am very worried about pets being given away on council owned land. This is bound to leave the wrong impression on the general public, and could have unwanted (and preventable) consequences for the animal. This is where I'm hoping you can help.

Local authorities have the opportunity to make meaningful changes by taking a stand against this practice on council-owned land.

While I understand that the practice of giving away pets as prizes, particularly goldfish, has long gone on and may bring enjoyment to some, acquiring an animal to be kept as a pet should be the result of careful planning and prior consideration. Additionally, action on this matter may also deter people from awarding other pets as prizes, protecting other popular pets such as dogs. Animals are big prizes that can come at an even bigger cost.

The RSPCA supports measures taken by local authorities to end this outdated practice on Council owned land, which will ensure their welfare and raise public awareness of the issue. I write to ask you to please work with the RSPCA who have drafted some suggested text for [a motion](#). This could form the basis of a proposal to the local authority to take more action on this issue. It would be great if you could encourage your fellow councillors to pass a motion similar to this to improve animal welfare in this area. Moreover, the [RSPCA's local government manifesto](#) provides information and resource for you to take action locally to protect and promote animal welfare.

Further information regarding this campaign can be found in the RSPCA's briefing document for elected representatives [here](#). The RSPCA launched a public campaign in 2021, with thousands of supporters taking action. A total of 36 local authorities in England and 12 in Wales have secured a ban so far, following the groundswell of support for this campaign. Will you please join them?

Please take action on behalf of animals and join the other local authorities in England and Wales that have already pledged to put a stop to this. Pets as prizes is a no-win situation for animals and their potential new owners.”

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDATION:

*To note that the next meeting of this Committee will be held on **WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2023 at 4.00 p.m.** in the **Town Council Office.***