

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a Virtual EATH Consultation held with the Deputy Town Clerk on
Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors C Brennan, H MacFie and B Simmons

Ric Davison and Jude Cron

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Acting Town Clerk

In accordance with the Schedule of Delegation approved by Town Council on April 22nd 2021 the Deputy Town Clerk is required to exercise delegated power in consultation with the members of the cttee to make decisions on the following items:

1. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL

Any event on Ashton Way is really a no go due to the confined space, number of barriers, security required and the fact that Ashton Way is now a busy through route for all traffic moving through town.

The Acting Town Clerk reported that she had contacted Somerset Farmer's Market organisation about taking on the role of holding a Christmas Market and they declined as they do not have the capacity to arrange this.

The Acting Town Clerk also explained that any major event would need a second employee of a senior position to be able to step in and take over the event organisation and the Acting Town Clerk is not in a position of having someone of this seniority at present and a Councillor as a volunteer can not take on this role.

The plan to continue with a Christmas Market for Keynsham on Friday 26th November from 6 – 9 p.m. with set up from 4.00 p.m. with staggered arrival times in small groups for set up was discussed. It was reported that the Cultural Consortium leads had mentioned that they have been in contact with some Artisan Market stall holders recently and it may be worth trying to approach these people.

A suggestion of a Church service at St. John's Church with pre-recorded school items was made.

The Christmas Market idea.

Cllr MacFie offered to attend Frome Market and speak with the local craft stall holders to see if they would be interested in coming to Keynsham for a Christmas Market. It was confirmed that stalls and umbrellas would be hired in. Information in respect of stall

holder insurance will be found out and forwarded to Cllr MacFie. It was suggested that the stalls could be free as long as the stall holder provides their own insurance information.

The Acting Town Clerk said that she would also contact Wellsway Craft Fair stall holders to see if any would be interested in taking up a stall.

It was suggested the Salvation Army and another brass/silver band could be invited along to play under the overhang of the library. These could do alternate slots throughout the evening. Also, Rotary Club could be contacted to see if they would do roasted chestnuts.

It was suggested that commercial artisan bakers may like a stall to sell Christmas cakes and puddings.

The Market Walk space will take the capacity of about 25 stalls. A Christmas sweet stall was suggested.

St. John's & the Baptist Church hold craft fairs so they may have some contacts too.

Guide Dogs for the Blind have already asked to come along and collect on the night.

Judith said that she could ask the Art Space people if anyone would be interested in having a stall.

Father Christmas – Lions on Market Walk.

It would be good to ensure that we have a good variety of stalls.

The Christmas lights will be on for the event.

Lighting for the stalls – hire in uplighters one between two stalls.

We have a new battery PA for announcements, and it was suggested that the awards for the Children's colouring competition and window competition could be made on the night.

Judith offered to produce the colouring competition drawings for the infant and junior categories. A theme for the event and colouring competitions will be decided at the next consultation, everyone to come along with ideas.

A virtual aspect to the event was questioned but it was thought that this would not happen. Encourage local restaurants and cafes to stay open late.

A food stall was suggested, perhaps the mobile local pizza stall.

2. KEYNSHAM CHRISTMAS TREE

Companies will be contacted for the usual Christmas tree in St. John's ground.

A live community tree just inside the Memorial Park was suggested. Permission will be sought. People will then be able to donate decorations for the Town Council staff to decorate. Chew Valley trees do 2 m plus live trees.

3. REMEMBRANCE PARADE 2021 – SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

The events plan and application for the Remembrance Parade is with B&NES Events Department and a road closure application had been submitted and acknowledged. Currently the route of the parade is not known as the date of the re-opening of the High Street has to be confirmed. An around the table needs to be held to agree the plan for the day. It has been confirmed that there will be no fee for this road closure.

4. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE – EVENTS BETWEEN 2ND AND 5TH JUNE 2022

Ideas to be brought to the next meeting so that the Town Council can decide whether to hold an event.

A tea party on the High Street or a Party in the Park, Teddy Bears picnic for little ones, Proms in the Park with Keynsham Orchestra (marquee required) were suggested.

Also, encourage people to have their own street parties.

5. DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL CONSULTATION

The next virtual consultation will be **Wednesday 6th October 2021 at 4.00 p.m.** by zoom video conferencing.

The consultation closed at 4.45 p.m.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date: