KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of the Virtual EATH Consultation held with the Town Clerk on Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 4.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors D Biddleston, C Brennan, A Greenfield, A Halliday and B Simmons

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Town Clerk

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

1. APOLOGIES Cllrs A Beaumont and H MacFie

2. QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022 - FEEDBACK

The Town Council has received lots of lovely comments in respect of this event. People have referred to it as brilliant, amazing and one of the best events in years. The weather was perfect. There was no negative feedback at all. Some points to remember for the future: -

- Some people would have liked the event to go on into the evening.
- The china cups were distributed very quickly and a similar order in the future should be for 500 plus cups.
- The four space hoppers were very popular, and it would be good to have more in the future, plus some adult sized hoppers.

3. REMEMBRANCE PARADE – SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022

The Town Clerk reported that she is waiting for the British Legion members to send her date for the first planning meeting for this event.

4. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2022

The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Biddleston and herself had met with Alison of B&NES Council to discuss the Christmas light contract going forward. It is hoped that in future years the choice of lights will be better and at a reasonable hire cost. The Town Council should hear shortly following a tender process that B&NES are currently undertaking with Christmas lighting contractors.

5. KEYNSHAM WINTER FESTIVAL 2022 – FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2022

After discussion, the following was suggested: -

Theme – Christmas trees to fit with the installation of our Community Christmas tree to be planted in Keynsham Memorial Park.

Christmas tree parade with wooden Christmas tree placards made possibly by Somerdale Shed and decorated by numerous Community Groups.

Christmas tree colouring competition – Judith to be asked if she will create the design.

The Town Clerk will send Committee members the Theatrical Company's brochures of possible performers that the Committee could book.

A request was made for Punch and Judy in the library.

The Lions to be contacted about provision of Father Christmas.

Stall locations will have to be planned, as it is not feasible to put them on the High Street due to the redevelopment restricting this. The Fear Hall to be booked for indoor stalls.

The stage will be booked as per usual. A suggestion was made that this be used for Primary School performances this year.

Entertainment in The Space will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was suggested that the food stalls are requested to decorate their vans so that they are brighter for the occasion.

The Air Cadet Band to be contacted regarding leading the procession from outside St. John's Church to the Community Christmas tree in the Park for a dedication (possibly by Revd. Dr Stephen M'Caw).

A circuit for Chuffy the train to be thought about and if this is possible, contact should be made regarding booking.

Encouraging community groups to hold fund raising stall activities was suggested.

Dial-A-Ride to be booked for Park and Ride and Waitrose to be contacted for use of their car park plus provision of tea, coffee and mince pies for the Baptist Church.

A suggestion was made regarding a small live Christmas tree give away from the Town Council.

Hiring in Christmas stall shacks was raised but it was reported that this would not be feasible due to cost and event time limitations.

License will be obtained for road closures etc.

St. John's Church to be asked to ring the bells for the switch on. Cllr Biddleston to invite a member of the Church to join the Committee whilst the event is to be planned.

6. DATE OF VIRTUAL CONSULTATION (or physical meeting, if decided by full Council)

The next consultation is scheduled for Wednesday 6th July 2022 at 4.00 p.m.

Consultation to be held by Zoom.

The consultation closed at 4.40 p.m.