

KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Notes of a Virtual EATH consultation held with the Deputy Town Clerk on
Wednesday 9th June 2021 at 4.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors D Biddleston (Chairman), C Brennan, C Buxton, H Macfie,
A McGuinness and B Simmons

Ric Davison and Jude Cron

IN ATTENDANCE: Dawn Drury – Deputy 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. REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE 2021

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the meeting with the Royal British Legion Members went well and it has been agreed that the Events Management Plan will include three scenarios to cover all eventualities that may result from COVID 19 restrictions and/or the Phase 1/HS HAZ road closure and works as follows: -

- (i) Full parades as per usual allowable due to no restrictions
- (ii) Short alternative route avoiding road closures instigated by B&NES Phase 1/HS HAZ
- (iii) Virtual event live streamed via YouTube, as per 2020.

Members from the Royal British Legion will be invited to an EATH meeting once the Events Management Plan has been submitted together with supporting documents just to confirm that all their requirements are in place.

2. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR 2021

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that she had been contacted by B&NES in respect of an opportunity to select some new Christmas lights for Keynsham for 2021. Due to the number of lamp columns set up with the necessary infrastructure the choice was limited to 3 different designs and due to an urgency of placing an order (2nd June 2021) a decision needed to be made before this EATH consultation.

Delegated decision: -

After consulting via email with Councillors from the EATH Committee and the Chair and Vice Chair of Council, the Deputy Town Clerk went with a majority decision on the choice of Christmas lights, and under delegated powers placed an order for display hire stock Alyze Bioprint (H: 3m x W: 1m) as per the image below.



3. KEYNSHAM VIRTUAL WINTER FESTIVAL

The Deputy Town Clerk expressed concerns in respect of planning any event that has significant financial cost to it, due to a good possibility that plans may have to be altered from the submitted events management plan or cancelled due to COVID 19 restrictions, and/or road works and closures associated with the Phase 1 High Street/HS HAZ projects.

The Deputy Town Clerk suggested that the event be scaled down and plans be made for either Temple Street locality or the top end of the High Street near St. John's, but two road closure applications would need to be submitted (for events these take 8 weeks plus to be agreed by B&NES Council).

The Memorial Park was suggested as an alternative location, but it has been confirmed in the past by the Police and other emergency services that this would not be permitted due to the limited lighting in this location.

Ashton Way car park was suggested as an alternative location and this will be investigated by the Deputy Town Clerk. There may be a charge for loss of parking revenue as the event starts to be set up from 3.00 p.m. (loss of 3 hours parking) but some of this cost may be covered by not submitting road closures. Concerns were raised that the shops on the High Street and Temple Street would not be included and those that do stay open may lose some revenue. Other organisations and venues that have been part of previous Winter Festivals will also be excluded including the various churches, the Fear Hall and The Space. Also, the switching on of the Christmas lights (which is a big part of the event) will not be seen from Ashton Way.

Market Walk and the terraced area behind the Leisure Centre was suggested. It was reported that the latter area is not weight bearing and restricted to vehicles by bollards.

The use of Market Walk, The Space and the top level or middle level of the multi storey car park were suggested. The Deputy Town Clerk commented that access to the top level of the car park would be restrictive (accessed only by stairs) and may not be feasible

depending on COVID restrictions. The middle leave does not provide enough lighting and would not be ideal.

Hiring of the Rugby Club hard standing area and possibly the club house was suggested. Concerns were raised that this may restrict some attendees due to being so far from the town centre. This will be considered further at a future meeting dependent on the outcome of the possibility of using Ashton Way car park.

Use of Temple Street, Market Walk and The Space were also suggested.

Somerdale and St. Monica's was suggested as a location but it was highlighted that all the roads within this area are private roads.

A repeat of last year's virtual event was also suggested.

A range of options have been suggested to members of the Committee, who were asked to go away and think about.

Delegated decisions in respect of this item:

- (i) Deputy Town Clerk to investigate the use of Ashton Way car park.

4. NEXT FACE TO FACE MEETING

Committee members were reminded that a full face to face Committee meeting will be held in the Baptist Church on WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY at 4.00 p.m.

The consultation closed at 4.45 p.m.

Signed:
(Chairman)

Date: