



BISHOP AUCKLAND
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Town Team Events Sub-Group

Thursday 19th September 2019 at 5:30pm

The Park Head Country Hotel, New Coundon
Bishop Auckland

Those Present

Clive Auld (Chairman), Alan Anderson, Robert Berry, Nick Brown, Lee Brownson, Nigel Bryson, Clare Davison, Maureen Davison.

1. Apologies

Gillian Campbell, Claire Gibbons, Hazel Kennedy and Karen Porter.

2. Minutes of last meeting held on 21st August 2019

The minutes were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

No matters arising that weren't on the agenda.

4. Fore-Bondgate Street Party - Debrief

The event took place on Saturday 31st August and was considered a success. Traders were generally pleased with the day and footfall had been increased over a normal Saturday. Several traders reported an increased in sales over previous Saturdays. The organisers thanked the Town Team for their support. It is likely that the Fore Bondgate Traders will put on future events in the street and look to join with the Town Team events as well.

To assist with financing future Fore Bondgate events, the Future of Fore Bondgate traders are holding a Halloween Quiz Night at the Spice Lounge on Monday 14th October 2019. Tickets will be £16.00 per head and the price includes a two course meal.

5. Bishop Celebrating Together

The following were the key points:

- Whilst all the acts were booked, Ryan is unable to make it, due to other commitments. The singers from Kynren would take his place.
- The stage had been discussed in a site visit and there were two possible positions:
 - ↳ First Choice: Outside the No 1 Champagne Bar, using the outside electricity. Lee would check with Auckland Project to ensure the electricity supply is on;
 - or

- ↳ Second Choice: Outside the Castle Hotel if the electricity supply was off at the No 1 Champagne Bar.
- Auckland Project and Bishop Auckland Table Tennis club will have stalls.
- The artificial grass would be located outside No 24. It is currently stored at the Newgate Centre and will be brought down on the morning of the event.
- The 8th Rifles will take up a stall and have a military vehicle.
- We would have a site visit tomorrow at 6.00pm.
- It was agreed that a general fee of £75.00 would be given to performers, with a donation to the Sandra Welsh Dancers.
- We would use both the large and small Town Team gazebos.

Most of the arrangements were now in place and it is only the weather that is the main concern. We have no alternative in the event of rain!

6. Advent Windows

The event was discussed and the following were the main points:

- Laura Brenchley is the artist being retained to develop the creative input into the Advent Windows project. She will work with the schools and other organisations to develop the nativity figures.
- One shop had dropped out: we now have 23 out of 24 and O₂ would be approached to take part.
- The parade on the Christmas Eve would be a central feature to this year's Advent Windows event. Whilst the parade would not take long, it will cause an disruption to traffic. Nigel agreed to take responsibility for this.
- With the known commitments from Joy Allen, we are likely to be able to raise £8,000. We need to identify sources of funding for the remaining £2,000.00.
- Nigel reported that the complaint against Cllr Tanya Tucker had been delayed, as she had posted another e-mail following the meeting of the 22nd August. The complaint had been redrafted as a result. As Clive had been on holiday and needed to be signed off by both Chairs, it would be submitted as soon as possible.

It was recognised that this was a major event and that it could significantly raise the profile of Bishop Auckland.

7. Finance

The stage banner for Bishop Celebrating Together should raise about £1,000.00. However we needed to amend last year's to include an additional sponsor this year.

In previous discussions, we had agreed to try and convince a car dealer to provide a vehicle for a major raffle. Clive would approach Kia at Stoneacre to see what might be achieved.

It was agreed that – once Bishop Celebrates Together has been completed, we should have a dedicated fundraising meeting to identify future sources of finance.

8. Any other business

For VE day next year – Friday 8th May 2020 – it was agreed we would contact Paul Skuse to book the band for the Day. We needed to make contact with organisations now, as there is likely to be a big demand for re-enactors to cover the Day.

Clive confirmed that he was in discussion with KIA about an advert in the 2020 booklet and a promotional opportunity with the company.

9. Date of next meeting

5.30pm on Thursday 26th September 2019 at the Park Head Hotel.