



BISHOP AUCKLAND
TOWN TEAM

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Town Team Events Sub-Group

Thursday 26th September 2019 at 5:30pm

The Park Head Country Hotel, New Coundon
Bishop Auckland

Those Present

Clive Auld (Chairman), Alan Anderson, Nick Brown, Lee Brownson, Nigel Bryson, Gillian Campbell, Maureen Davison, Liz Walton, Robert Berry. Paul Robinson (Big Verne) was a guest speaker on the Big Jam proposal for Bishop Celebrating Together.

Maggie Bosanquet had been invited to speak on an environmental initiative on the 4th November 2019 to promote electric vehicles.

1. Apologies

Daniel Barnett, Clare Davison, Claire Gibbons, Peter Heslop, Callum Howard, Hazel Kennedy, Karen Porter, Robert Proud, and Dave Wilson (Newgate Centre)

2. Minutes of last meeting held on 19th September 2019

Not available for the meeting

3. Matters arising from previous Minutes

Nothing arising that wasn't on the agenda.

4. Durham County Council – Electric Vehicles

Maggie Bosenquet attended the meeting to ask for the Town Team's help with delivering an electric vehicle event on Monday 4th November in Bishop Auckland Market Place. This would be the opening event of Green Great Britain Week. Whilst the national campaign will be launched in Bishop Auckland, other events in different parts of the country will take place each subsequent day over the week.

Colin Boynton from Green Fleet has received £15,000 towards running the event to with potential for match funding from Durham County Council. Maggie asked if the Town Team could assist in promoting the event and helping the organisers. So long as we are not directly involved with the organisation of the event, it was agreed the Town Team will help support the organisers.

There is an opportunity to work with Bishop Auckland Climate Action Group plus other businesses with an environmental link to get involved.

A site visit is being organised for 9th October 2019 – Clive, Nick, Nigel and Gillian confirmed they were interested in attending.

5. Bishop Celebrating Together

Paul Robinson thanked the Town Team for the invitation to address the Sub-Group and confirmed that he had raised £105.00 for Parkinsons Charity on Buskers Day. He confirmed that the Bishop Big-Jam would take place in the marketplace at 10.15am, but would need access to the stage earlier for a rehearsal. Access would be provided to the road in front of the Town Hall to drop off any equipment. Paul was thanked for his contribution and we looked forward to the event on Saturday.

The following were the key points:

- Lee would ensure that the stage company could provide 6 microphones.
- Lee confirmed that the stage was booked and would be placed outside No1 Marketplace.
- Additional chairs will be obtained from Auckland Project, to be used on the stage for the Silver Band to use.
- Charlie's Fruit and Veg Stall had been informed and they would locate their van/stall beside the stage opposite O₂.
- Gosling Raptors (Birds of Prey) had been booked and would be located outside St Ann's Church.
- The Table Tennis Club had confirmed they would be present and would be located outside the ex-Home Bargains shop.
- Bus tours would leave from outside of the former Monaco's.
- Additional bins would be provided in the Market Place from the rear of No. 42.
- Clive confirmed that the Army had been booked.
- Rob confirmed that the stallholders had received a map showing where they will be located on the day.
- Alan confirmed that an additional stall had booked selling wooden products and it would need to be accommodated.
- Toys had been obtained for the play area for the day.
- The tombola had enough prizes and would be run in the main gazebo.
- Nigel confirmed that Fore Bongate had requested a stall and it was agreed that it would be accommodated.
- Lee confirmed that marketing and media had been organised, including Bishop FM, Bishop Press and the Northern Echo.
- Prior to the meeting, Dave Wilson confirmed that he would be providing gazebos and fake grass for the play area.
- Nigel would be onsite from 6.30am on Saturday to liaise with the stage company. The rest of the Team members would be on site from 8.00am.

Lee requested that any Town Team members attend the Street Food Market between 4.00 – 9.00pm on Friday evening, if they were free. This helps identify us with the Bishop Celebrating Together event.

6. Monster Saturday 2019

The event was discussed and it was agreed that:

- Nigel confirmed that a number of events were being planned to be held within Fore Bondgate on Monster Saturday. It was agreed that Joanne Furnell from the Future of Fore Bondgate be invited to our next meeting.
- Flash has been booked for the event and would perform between 12.45 and 13.45.
- Sandra Welsh dancers would be invited and Ryan Lofthouse. Spectrum Roller Skaters were not available on the Saturday.
- Gillian suggested that there was an opportunity to provide craft materials for children to make their own pumpkins, and the team approved the procurement.

7. Advent Windows

Deferred until the next meeting.

8. Finance

Alan indicated that VEST hadn't paid yet: other finance items were deferred until the next meeting.

9. Any other business

Rob Berry confirmed that he had identified a swing band for the VE day celebrations and there was an opportunity to organise a tea dance in BA Town Hall on the evening, as a fundraiser. It was agreed that Bob book the band, as demand for 40s entertainers was likely to be high with the anniversary date next year.

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

10. Date of next meeting

- 5.30pm on 3 October 2019, Park Head Hotel
- 5.30pm on 17 October 2019, Park Head Hotel