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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS & TOURISM COMMITTEE

OF ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LEGION HOUSE, SOUTH STREET, ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH LE65 1BQ

AT 6.30PM ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2022.

368. PRESENT.

Members: Councillor Mrs G. Hoult (Chairman).

Councillors G. Allman, M. Ball, R.D. Bayliss, B. Beggan, J. Coxon, D.J.G. Jones, Dr. B. Kneale, Mrs E. Parle, Mrs M.E. Tuckey and Mrs A. Wilson.

Officers: Jack Fargher – Town Clerk;

 Stuart Benson – Town Centre Manager.

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Mrs E. Parle and Mrs A. Wilson to their first meeting of the Committee.

**369. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There was an apology for absence from Councillor D. Harrison.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

**370. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION.**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting with one member of the public observing the meeting by ‘Zoom’.

**371. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**372. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**373. MINUTES.**

On the motion of Councillor Ball, seconded by Councillor Coxon,

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 6th December 2021 are approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

**374. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

The Town Clerk presented the accounts for payment in the sum of £25,465.82 as shown attached.

On the motion of Councillor Coxon, seconded by Councillor Ball,

**RESOLVED:** to approve the accounts for payment in the sum of £25,465.82 as shown attached.

**375. EVENTS MANAGEMENT 2022.**

The Town Centre Manager provided a verbal update on the events schedule for 2022.

It was noted that the Ashby 20 Road Race is due to take place on Sunday 20th March. This will be the first actual race since 2019. The race was cancelled in 2018 (Mini Beast from the East) and again in 2020 (Covid-19). The very first virtual Ashby 20 took place in 2021, as a result of Covid-19 restrictions.

It was confirmed that the Mayor’s Civic Service will be held at St. Helen’s Church at 6.00pm on Sunday 1st May.

The Twinning Association has confirmed that the guests from Pithiviers will be arriving on Thursday 9th June. The Civic Reception will be held at Ivanhoe College on Saturday 11th June at 10.30am. All Town Councillors will receive an invitation.

Ashby Open Gardens will be held over the weekend of 18/19th June.

The Ashby Steam event will be held at Scamhazel Farm, Boundary on 16/17th July.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

**376. PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022.**

The Town Centre Manager presented a brief verbal report to the meeting on plans to mark HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

He reported that there have been around 800 applications for the 300 tables. There have been both paper and digital applications. A data cleansing exercise will need to be undertaken to identify multiple applications, those with non-LE65 postcodes and those from outside the parish of Ashby de la Zouch.

A computer programme has been written which will select the 300 successful applicants at random from the final data-cleansed list. This will take place on 4th April. The results will be published from 11th April onwards.

This was received and noted by the Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.56pm.

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