

Morecambe Town Council

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Proper Officer: Mr Luke Trevaskis

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Morecambe Town Council's Festivals, Sponsorships and Events Committee held at Morecambe Town Hall at 18:00pm on the twenty-fourth day of November 2022.

Members Present: Councillors V Boyd-Power, W Cowley, P Forster, B Jackson, C Matthews, M Pattison, D Whitaker, L Stansfield.

In attendance: Luke Trevaskis (Proper Officer), Michaela Smith, P Anderton (non-voting, ex-officio member)

Minute FSE2223-32

Apologies

Cllr J Goodwin, Patricia Clarke

Minute FSE2223-33

Declarations of Interests

Cllr M Pattison declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application 15 as the applicant(s) is a member of the same political group.

Cllr P Anderton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Application 15 due to its use of Morecambe Winter Gardens, and his position there as a trustee.

Minute FSE2223-34

Minutes

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Minute FSE2223-35

Public Participation

None.

Minute FSE2223-36

Events

The Committee was presented with an update on the progress of the Mars exhibit and officers were asked to gather feedback from members to include in an evaluation.

The council were also provided with the current proposed event schedule for 2023.

The Committee resolved to delegate to officers to proceed with the agreed events for the coming year, including the organisation of Knife Angel, the King's Coronation, artisan markets, candlelight concerts, and a parish/town council conference to improve engagement with stakeholders and encourage knowledge sharing across the sector.

Minute FSE2223-37

Budget Bid 2023-2024

The Committee unanimously resolved to request a budget of £100,000 for 2023-2024, allocating £70,000 to Council-run and Council-partnered events, and £30,000 to third party events / grant applications. The Committee also resolved to request the Council implement a £2,000 cap per applicant from 2023-24 onwards (unless where the Council was acting as a partner, and was recognised as such in publicity as a headline sponsor or similar).

Minute FSE2223-38

Exclusion of Press and Public

It was resolved to exclude the press and public in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the following business, on the grounds that it could involve possible disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

Minute FSE2223-39

Festival Grant Application 15

The Committee resolved to defer to the next meeting, pending further information from the applicant.