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Proper Officer: Mr Luke Trevaskis

Minutes of Festivals, Sponsorship and Events Committee of Morecambe Town Council held at Morecambe Town Hall at 18:30pm on Thursday 18th July 2024

Present: Cllrs L Bradbury (Chair), F Cooper, C Cozler, J Hanson, G Knight, J Livermore, M Pattison, R Walsh

In attendance: Luke Trevaskis (Chief Officer), Joel Turner (Finance Officer), Peter Fisher (Communications Officer), Helen Freeborough (Administration Officer).

FSE24/25 - 010- Apologies

Apologies for non attendance received from Cllr K Gee.

FSE24/25 - 011 - Declarations of Interest

Cllrs C Cozler, J Livermore and J Hanson declared an interest as Councillor of Lancaster City Council. Cllr M Pattison declared an interest as Councillor of Lancashire County Council.

FSE24/25 - 012 - Public Participation

None.

FSE24/25 - 013 - Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

FSE24/25 - 014 - Finance

Members were given a financial update on the Festival and Events budget. A discussion took place about how to best manage the amount of money that is granted throughout a 12-month period to ensure that money is available throughout the year for grant applicants.

LT reminded the committee that any changes to the Festivals, Events and Sponsorship criteria will have to be agreed by Full Council for approval before implementation.

Cllr F Cooper asked that the Finance Officer include a date for when the event is taking place next to the grant awarded on the budget summary document. Finance Officer to action.

FSE24/25 - 015 - Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Committee passed the following resolution in relation to the following items:

'That, in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for

other special reasons arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings’.

FSE24/25 - 016 - Festival Grant Application - FGA/2024/5 - 004 - Morecambe Punk Festival

Committee approved a grant of £4500.00 to Morecambe Punk Festival for a festival taking place on 14-17 November 2024. The event takes place indoors at Johnny’s, a venue on Morecambe Promenade. Attendance is expected to be approximately 1500 people, with visitors from across the globe.

FSE24/25 - 017 - Festival Grant Application FGA/2024/5 - 005 - Morecambe Maritime Festival

Committee approved a grant of £1750.00 to Morecambe Maritime Festival, taking place on 24-25 August 2024. This is a new festival and aims to provide a celebration of Morecambe’s heritage, culture and environment by involving local community, wildlife and environmental groups, and to raise money for the Morecambe RNLI. A number of events will take place throughout the festival including activities to help understand the relationship between local wildlife and the environment, youth group performances of local sea stories and Sea Shanty singing events.

FSE24/25 - 018 - Festival Grant Application FGA/2024/25 - 006 - West End Winter Lantern Festival

Committee approved a grant of £3500.00 to the West End Winter Lantern Festival. The event takes place on 7th December with community workshops taking place in late November and early December. The festival is a community celebration culminating in a procession through the residential streets of the West End. The procession is a celebration of music, street performance and illuminated paper lanterns which are made and carried by members of the community.

Next Meeting: Date to be confirmed.