

Bretton Parish Council

Minutes of the Bretton Community Festival Committee Meeting held on the 11th May 2017 at 6.00 p.m. at the Parish Offices, Unit 2, Pyramid Shopping Centre, Bretton

Present: Councillors C Lee, M Gimblett and S Warren

Others: B Champness (Clerk), Simon Hollingworth

Not Present: Cllr Defraime, B Coyle and A Smith

Open Forum

There was no open forum and the meeting was opened at 18.01

55. Apologies for absence

55.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Clements (personal)

55.2 **Resolved:** that the apologies be accepted. It was noted Cllr Tilling had resigned from this committee and the Parish Council.

56. Declaration of Interest – To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, as set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 and the nature of those interests relating to any Agenda item

56.1 No one declared an interest in any item on the agenda.

57. To approve the minutes of the 6th April 2017 (BCF16-05)

57.1 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the 6th March 2017 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

58. To receive an update on bookings already made and if necessary to approve payment of invoices received

58.1 The Clerk advised that he had some bad news in the NuVet were unable to have a stall and do the Dog Show. However he had spoken to Vets 4 Pets to see if they wanted a stall or could do the Dog Show. They were very keen to be involved and hoped that they would say yes but needed to talk to a person in the Dogsthorpe shop before confirming their involvement.

58.2 About 20 stalls had been booked with a number making enquiries but we still needed more.

58.3 Middleton School had confirmed that they would have children to attend to either sing or dance or both. The other 4 schools had not responded so a reminder would be sent.

58.4 Harmony Majorettes would be attending as would the Spiral Gymnasts.

58.5 The motorbikes who attended last year would be here this year. It was agreed that they would once again be placed at or near to the cricket square. Cllr Warren said that he would ask Classic Cars if they could bring a couple of cars which would enhance the motorbikes.

59. To consider the Finances and how this can and should be spent.

59.1 There was very little difference to the information provided last month so no updated figures were given.

60. To discuss what stalls, rides and other attractions we should have for the festival and if appropriate to organise bookings

60.1 Simon Hollingworth said that he had made a number of enquiries for various acts and activities to be at the festival. He confirmed once again that this would not cost the Parish Council money as funding was through the Arts Council. Whilst the committee were very appreciative of Peterborough Presents involvement there was concern that if Peterborough Presents were not about next year, this year could be a very hard act to follow. Simon explained that there might be a funding stream through the Arts Council next year and Peterborough Presents could help with the funding application.

60.2 Simon was asked specifically if we should or should not instruct Tom Puckett to attend and if he had anyone else that might take his place. He suggested we do not instruct him unless it was felt that by not doing so we might lose a good contact. The reason behind his answer was that he was talking with Spilt Milk who organised a community dance and a lady called Adele would like to get in some rehearsing with interested parties during the week leading up to the festival in the Pyramid Centre. He had approached people at the Lunch club/coffee morning and the people were very responsive and were keen to participate.

60.3 Simon had been in touch with a Elliott Morris who could headline the show as he was an accomplished singer and was willing to attend. He would also work very closely with other artists and they could work together. He was also hoping for some walkabout acts which would be a street style interaction. Another attraction was the Anti-Gravity Box. This was a unique opportunity to experience life where the rules of gravity have changed completely and while you are in there your friends (and everyone else) can see the results on a screen outside! Another was The Nerdy Birdies who are a group of fanatical dancing birdwatchers and who draw family audiences into an alternative world of birds with the wondrously silly yet insanely informative 'Bird Cabaret Follow the life of birds, from birth and hatching to dinner time and the afterlife, through a number of nonsensical dance numbers including; the Flamboyant Flamingo salsa, the Perky Penguin shuffle, a Scavenging Vulture battle and the delectable roast chicken striptease'. Simon is also hoping to book The Fabularium, a vibrant and exciting outdoor performance company. It is also the name given to their unique mobile pageant wagon. They are a story-telling theatre company that specialise in live original music, masks, puppetry, physical theatre and ensemble devising. Finally there is a group called Highly Strung who are Folk Fairies.

60.4 It was unanimously agreed that Simon should continue to liaise with all of these acts and if they could perform and they had the means to pay for them he should go ahead and book them. It was felt that what these acts would do would be to bring a range of variety and would not detract from what we had booked already.

61. To appoint working parties to carry out specific jobs

61.1 It was agreed that it was too early to decide what working parties needed to do specific jobs. It was pointed out that Fiona Brice had asked to use the Blue Room in the Pyramid Community Centre and wanted to do so without being charged. The Clerk had written back explaining that whilst some of the committee understood why there would be no charge, others were of the view that if this was so they should perhaps guarantee supplying 4 volunteers at the festival to help with putting up and taking down of the tents. Simon explained that they could not give a firm guarantee but they were working on getting together the volunteers to help.

62. Correspondence

62.1 There was no correspondence at this stage relevant to this meeting.

63. Any Other Business - _Reminder by Law – information exchange only no decisions can be made

63.1 There being no other business the meeting was formally closed at 19.03

64. The date of the next meeting – to be held on **Thursday 1st June 2017 at 17.00 p.m. at the Parish Offices, Unit 2 Pyramid Centre, Bretton** with a provision that there be another meeting on the 15th June as well.

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