

# Gerrards Cross Town Council

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## Communities Committee

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 6pm in Room 4 the Packhorse Room in the Memorial Centre.**

**Present** – Cllr A Wood (Chairman) Cllr N Barnett, Cllr M Bracken, Cllr S Davey, Cllr B Holborn, Cllr J O’Keeffe, Cllr T Greenfield, Associate Councillor Lisa Lindvall, the Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk  
Two members from the Gerrards Cross Rotary Matins

- 1. To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr B Holborn.
- 2. Public speaking from residents regarding matters relevant to the meeting’s agenda with time allowed as 5 minutes per person** – The Rotary Club spoke about how they work together with the Town Council to organise the Gerrards Cross high street Christmas open evening. See action points below.
- 3. Updates on the proposal to hold a Platinum Jubilee Picnic on West Common.** – See below
- 4. Future agenda items**

<b>Christmas open evening</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Next step</b>
Date	It was agreed that date for the Christmas open evening should be 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2022.	
The Rotary Club to take the lead but work closely with the Town Council	The Town Clerk to set up a meeting in the Town Council offices.  Cllr Wood to organise the road closures.  Someone will need to liaise with the police about the road closure. Police presence will be required to enforce the closure and barriers need to be put up.  The road closure should be up to the Waitrose car park entrance.	
Design your own Christmas decoration.	The possibility of someone liaising with the local schools about designing their own Christmas decoration was discussed. It was agreed that this should go in a designated area.	

Fairground and pop up restaurants.	Invite the restaurants to do a pop up stand and the fairground to set up outside.	
Christmas Tree	Cllr O’Keeffe to talk to Tesco to see if the Christmas Tree can go on the pavement outside by the tables. Cllr O’Keeffe will seek sponsorship for the tree.	
Christmas lights	Seeking sponsorship for leasing Christmas lights	Associate Cllr Lindvall is investigating this. Possibility of schools sponsoring a light?
Road closure	Possible Closure of Station Road	AW to check out.
<b>The Gerrards Cross Platinum Jubilee Picnic</b>		<b>Next step</b>
St James Church	St James Church confirmed that it is too late for them to be part of the Jubilee Celebrations.	
Platinum Jubilee Picnic	The Council agreed this will be the main event on Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June, duration for one day.  Timings would be from midday until 7pm.	Cllr O’Keeffe and Associate Cllr Lindvall to discuss the amp requirements.  A stage is required. Cllr Greenfield to follow up.
Fair	The Town Clerk confirmed that the fair have confirmed they will attend.	The Town Clerk to confirm how many days.
Sponsorship	Cllr Lindvall confirmed that one local company has shown interest in sponsoring the event.	
Ceremony	See if the Lord Lieutenant or a deputy together with Mayor could open the days events of perform other ceremony	The Town Clerk confirmed that the Deputy Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire has agreed to do the ceremony.
Celebrities	Other option for opening the day	
Food – GX restaurants	See if local restaurants might be interested to set up stalls on the common or for those closest to the common encourage them to put on street side food options	Lisa to approach as part of other discussions
Music	Various options  Brass band  School music troupes	Cllr Davey agreed to contact the schools to see if they would be interested in taking part in any of the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tug a war</li> <li>• Battle of the bands.</li> </ul>

		Invite a member of staff to the next meeting to discuss any ideas.
Fire Engine	The Town Clerk to ask the fire brigade to see if a fire engine can attend the day for the children.	
Parking	The Town Clerk to ask Buckinghamshire Council if they are going to offer any free parking to events taking place.	
Toilets	WCs – seek sponsor for providing	
Decoration	Bunting. Consider additional bunting decorations on the common itself	

**Date of next meeting – TBC**

Meeting closed at 6.59pm