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Communities Committee

Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 6pm in Room 4 in the Memorial Centre.

Present: Cllr Wood, Cllr Bracken, Cllr Chhokar, Cllr Da Costa, Cllr Greenfield, Cllr Holborn, Cllr Robert, Cllr Stuart-Lee, Cllr Peck, Cllr Barnet, Cllr Davey, Cllr O' Keeffe, The Clerk J H Jilani.

In attendance: Rev James Forward (St James Church)

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – None
2. **Public speaking from residents regarding matters relevant to the meeting's agenda with time allowed as 5 minutes per person** None
3. **Approve the minutes of the November meeting**
PROPOSED by Cllr Wood; **SECONDED** by Cllr Davey

4. **To update on previous meetings and actions going forward with regards to**

1) Civic Ceremony- March 2023- update

Invitations have been drafted. Meeting with Girls Guide, Scouts and Heads of schools have been arranged to discuss performances. Rev James Forward of St James Church was asked to arrange rehearsals. Seating will be pre-arranged. Partners will be included in invitations. A female Ukrainian refugee may be able to highlight the hospitality she has received from GX. The Mayors Civic Service is arranged to show case Gerrards Cross Town and we want the central focus to be education . Councillors will be asked to be available to help on the day.

2) The Gerrards Cross Picnic in the Park 2023 update

Date will be Saturday 1st July 2023. Update from Associate Cllr Lindvall:
Included: Review of 2022 what we can improve on and perhaps do better.
Next time: 'Just Loos' owe us as they ran out of hand washing water and the attendant didn't attend leading to overflowing bins etc. (we have photos). We will need more loos, a variety of food and drinks stalls. The fee for each stall will be £50, and the payment will be collected up front, two weeks in advance. The band has already been booked. There will be funfair on the day. There is a possibility to use the park area by the Duck Pond for activities such as a dog show. We need to book a celebrity to open the event and mingle with the residents. A date needs to be agreed to start promotion of the event.

3) Christmas Lights Event 2023 and update on Christmas Event 2022

Cllr Wood advised we got lots of positive feedback from the residents regarding the Christmas Extravaganza. The residents felt a real sense of community and thoroughly enjoyed it with their friends and families. He stated as this was the Councils first Christmas event there are lots of things we will be looking to improve the next time we have an event. The DJ on bridge the will need improvement for 2023 event, the level of volume should be reduced and the mic should be checked by the DJ prior to the event. Road closures should be reviewed, including location of signage. Extremely successful event by all accounts. Cllr Wood **PROPOSED** that a subgroup or working committee to be formed from Communities committee: Cllr Wood, Cllr O’Keeffe, Cllr Greenfield, and Ass Cllr Lindvall – **ALL AGREED.**

4) Sizzler Restaurant Charity Event – 8th March 2023

Cllr Davey advised she had a meeting with the owner of the restaurant, and they want to speak to Councillors about holding a charity event, the proceeds of which will be donated to a charity of our choice. Councillors to discuss and update.

5) The next meeting of the Communities Committee will be held on Monday 20th February at 6pm, at Gerrards Cross Memorial Centre.

Meeting was adjourned at 18.55pm

Signed.....CHAIRMAN

Date.....

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