

AMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Events Committee held at the Bowman Centre
on Thursday 27th July 2023 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr S Hedge, Cllr J Swindlehurst, Cllr L Knight, Cllr J Jaconiah (chair)

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Devendran (Mayor), Cllr T Edwards (D Mayor)

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms J Johnston (Operations manager), Miss J Taylor (Events Officer), Phil Monk,
Reg Prentice

PUBLIC: 0

PRESS: 0

	ACTION
<p>Public Questions None</p>	
<p>Apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr M Devendran (Mayor), Cllr T Edwards (D Mayor)</p>	
<p>1. To approve the minutes of the last meeting The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
<p>2. Update on progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joanne Johnston reported on progress in finding a suitable location for fireworks and advised on restrictions at Flower Lane. Country Park was decided against by Councillors and the MOD sports pitches would not be possible as a location, as advised by them personally. Bonnymead and Amesbury Abbey were suggested, Joanne to contact David Cornelius Reid for information.• Following discussion, the Councillors decided against Country Park, and the Policy was read by Cllr S Hedge stating the restrictions. Centenary Pavilion was discussed, and it was agreed that although Amesbury Town Council own the land, we are to be respectful of the work that has gone in to maintaining the sports pitches. Any damage caused we would then have been responsible to get the pitches back to original state.• Joanne stated she did not think that Bonnymead would be suitable for fireworks as there needed to be 75m distance between fireworks and spectators, she also followed up with her concerns of how close the trees would be.	
<p>3. Remembrance Phil Monk presented a sheet of paper with the previous Marshalling route and possible Marshalls to contact for this year's Remembrance Day Parade. He stated things to sort for this year, to avoid the same issues from last year. One being more signage, comms for Marshals (more radios to be ordered) and discuss options for wet weather solutions. Phil Monk mentioned Lantra were used for Marshals, and it was suggested that the Carnival would split the cost for training people up to be a Marshal.</p>	

4. Cllr Hedge asked if the date could be mentioned in the Stonehenge Trader for advertisement.
5. Phil Monk stated we should speak with Salisbury Reds prior to the Parade to inform them that there will be a delay in services.
It was also added that we should contact local Care Homes to see if any veterans would like to attend the Parade.
6. Reg Prentice discussed the possibility of the schools being contacted to discuss how they would like to be involved. One example given was that the children have wooden crosses for family members who served. Reg to send any updates to the parade list to Jo Johnston and Jenn Taylor.
7. Date: 12th November 2023
Considerations:
 - Speak with the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade re. borrowing their PA system
 - Richard Allen/Hugh Griffiths are the main contacts for the RBL
 - A plan exists for the Remembrance Parade, confirmed roughly 460 people in the Parade.
 - Required: volunteer drivers and marshals
 - The Parade will start at Antrobus House
 - A request will need to be made to close the main car park for parade-related parking.
8. Next meeting: Date 10th of Augst suggested for next meeting.

ACTION