

Minutes of the meeting of the Events Committee held
Wednesday 28 February 2024 in the Council Chamber.

Present: Councillors E Hamilton, A Jones, P Jones and J Ward

Also present: A Sharpe – Assistant to the Town Clerk

001 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S Bower (Work).

Resolved: Members approve this reason for absence.

002 Declarations of Members Interests

None.

003 Requests for Dispensations

None.

004 Public Speaking

None.

005 Martyn's Law

Members were updated on a forthcoming legal bill which would affect the Town Council in that it would place a requirement on those responsible for certain locations to consider the threat from terrorism.

It would require them to put measures in place to mitigate the threat, including strict security systems, staff training and clearer processes.

Consultation was currently ongoing.

Resolved: that the Town Clerk to write to the Government Department expressing her views on the implications and mention the cost issues that would fall on Town and Parish Councils and could lead to the loss of viable community venues or limiting of capacities to avoid falling under the proposed legislation.

006 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2023 be withdrawn and the notes of the informal meeting held on 8 August 2023 be approved.



007 Christmas Lights

Recommendation: The Council suspend Contract Standing Orders to continue to use Lite Limited for the provision of the Town Councils Christmas Light Scheme for a period of a further 5 year.

008 Christmas Lights Switch on

It was **noted** that the 2024 event would take place on Saturday 23 November 2024 and the full list of stall and entertainment would be finalised once the Market Place improvements had been completed.

009 Other Events

(a) Market Place – regular ‘pop up’ entertainment to encourage footfall throughout the summer months to be finalised. Council to meet with AVBC and Heanor Vision.

(b) Grammar School opening – AVBC in conjunction with Heanor Vision are holding events on 4 and 5 May 2024.

(c) Heanor Carnival – Events Chairman and Town Clerk are to meet with interested parties to seek views on the Town Councils involvement, if any, in the organisation of the Carnival.

010 Next Meeting

Wednesday 17 April 2024 at 5.30 pm.