

LEEK TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of the Events Committee held 15th January 2020

Chairman: Matt Swindlehurst

Present: Sue Coleman, Mike Ottewell, Roy Molson, Gary Dunn, Karen Johnson & Celia Oakden, Brian Johnson, Pam Wood, Stephen Wales, Pauline and Swog

Apologies: Shaun Beetham, Bill Lomas

1. The minutes of the Events meeting held 4th November 2019 were received as a correct record. A working group will be set up to look at the refurbishment of Ball Haye Green war memorial.
2. Website – Leek Life had produced a good report about the new website and published the winning photos. It is hoped that the new website will go live by the end of the month. It needs to be populated by a variety of groups/organisations.
3. Trestle Market – A motion will be put forward to SMDC regarding using the Trestle Market for events. We have formally requested using it for VE day 75 on 10th May and for a local history day in September. Scooterfest (17th May) has also requested to use it.
4. Leek Show – Brian Johnson declared an interest as he will be one of the event sponsors. Acts have been provisionally booked. The town council's Events could fund a band/stage.
5. Christmas Lights

Some of the security guards had arrived late and a meeting to discuss the issues will be held with the security firm.

The person who damaged the Christmas tree in Sparrow Park has agreed to pay for the repairs.

SMDC maybe able to recommend a supplier for the Christmas trees.

Alternatively, a metal framed tree could be purchased.

The Christmas Lights contract needs to be renewed this year.

Leek looked very festive compared to other local towns.

Any banners promoting the Christmas decorations and lights should have Leek Town Council on them.

6. VE Day 75, Sunday 10th May 2020 – The Honey Birds will be the main act. Leek Women's Institute and Leek RBL will be taking part. Titanic may provide a pop up bar. A working group will meet in the next couple of weeks to discuss the details. The event does not necessarily need the Trestle Market. Staffordshire Oatcakes will be invited to the event. Red, white and blue bunting will be needed. The event will begin from 11.30am to 4.00pm.
7. Party in the Park – Sunday 14th June – It will be a similar format to last year. Courtyard Publicity will supply the booklets. Julie will book John Collins fair. The Climate Emergency Group will be invited (any groups should be non-political).
8. Any Other Business – The first Pumpkin Festival was a success and all the Leek schools were invited to participate.

Karen and Celia volunteered to help with the organisation of this year's festival. The town council will help with the risk assessment.

Sunday 3rd May – It was agreed that a budget of £450 will be available for a Country and Western event in Sparrow Park.

It was decided to donate £250.00 to the Buxton Billerettes and £100.00 to 2nd Leek Scouts for the Christmas lights event.

Italian visitors will be visiting Leek for Scooterfest and the Mayor of Este will be officially invited.

9. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11th February at 6.30pm.