



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Arts, Culture, Events and Twinning Working Group held at 6.30 pm on Thursday, 2nd May 2024, in the Pickin Room at the Town Hall.

Membership Present:	Councillor	T Collier (Chairman)
	Councillors	D Campbell S Dickinson (Vice-Chairman) J Kellas L Roulstone
Apologies for Absence:		None
In Attendance:	Town Clerk	Matthew Gleadell Ian Harrison
	There were no members of the public present	
Venue:	Pickin Room, Town Hall	

ACETWG/01/24/25	Apologies for Absence
	There were no apologies.
ACETWG/02/24/25	Minutes of the Meeting of the Arts, Events, Culture and Twinning Working Group held on
	The minutes of the meeting held on 08 February 2024 were approved as a correct record.
ACETWG/03/24/25	Declarations of Interest
	There were no Declarations of Interest
ACETWG/04/24/25	Music Festival / Brass Explosion Update
	Ian Harrison presented his updated proposals and plans for Newark Festival and Brass Explosion including an outline budget and cost plan for the event. Members offered input and thoughts were broadly pleased with the progress being made and the evolving plans.

	Noted that Cllr. Collier had been supporting Ian and David Duddles in developing the event.
ACETWG/05/24/24	Newark on Sea
	<p>Ian Harrison updated members on the progress with the acquisition of the various capital equipment for the Newark on Sea.</p> <p>Ian Harrison reported that we will use external contractors to install this year, with a view to observing and learning from the exercise, with the intent to undertake the install in-house in future years.</p> <p>Questions were asked about the sand and what would be done with it at the end of the event, which Ian clarified.</p>
ACETWG/06/24/25	Sunday Band Concerts Update
	The Town Clerk updated members as to the proposed arrangements for the Sunday Band Concerts in 2024, which were duly noted by the members.
ACETWG/06/24/25	Museum Update
	The Clerk updated members as to the current position in respect of the recruitment of a curator and the progress being made by the District Council in this regard.
ACETWG/07/24/25	Twinning Update
	<p>The Clerk updated members as to the outcome of recent elections in Sandomierz and the appointment of a new Mayor.</p> <p>The Clerk updated members with details of the forthcoming visit to Emmendingen, with particular mention of the visit of Newark & Sherwood Concert Band.</p> <p>The Clerk also sought the views of the working group as to the acquisition of a suitable civic gift to be presented to Emmendingen at the anniversary civic event. Members noted that the Council would be responsible for meeting the small cost for an appropriate gift.</p>
ACETWG/08/24/25	Partner Events Update
	The Clerk updated members with details of other events being planned by community partners including NSDC and the Children's Bereavement Centre.
ACETWG/09/24/25	Christmas 2024
	<p>The broad outline for the Christmas events in 2024 were considered and discussed with further detail to be agreed following the Summer events. Alternatives to fireworks were agreed to be investigated.</p> <p>The Clerk advised members that he will be undertaking a tender process for the Christmas Lights contract following the expiry of the previous contract.</p>

Meeting Closed:	8.15pm	Next Meeting:	TBC
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