



MINUTES OF THE MARKETS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BOWLING GREEN RD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Councillors Present: Cllr Alexander Evelyn (Deputy Chair in the Chair)  
Cllrs Dez Dell, Emily Fedorowycz and Bev Wright

Also present Travis Clayton from Illicit Skate  
Col Robert Blomfield and Corp-Major Wayne Palmer,  
Royal Anglian Regiment

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk  
Emma Dezelu Deputy Town Clerk

One other member of the public/press attended (Bill Burton) .

Item Number	Description
ME24/18	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Craig Skinner and Martyn York
ME24/19	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  None declared
ME24/20	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
ME24/21	<b>Skateboarding sessions in 2025</b>  Travis Clayton attended to discuss the format for skateboarding sessions in 2025. Experience from 2024 showed that there wasn't the demand for three sessions and it would be better to do two sessions with a slightly fuller programme on each.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the budget for skateboarding sessions be set at £3000 for two events in 2025.

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ME24/22	<p><b>Armed Forces event in 2025</b></p> <p>Col Blomfield and Corp-Major Palmer, on behalf of the Royal Anglian Regiment (RAR) attended to outline their proposals for a major armed forces parade in June 2025, to replace an event Northampton Town Council had declined on grounds of workload, cost and capacity. A report has also been submitted highlighting some of the issues to be taken into account when considering the date and arrangements for such an event. This was supplemented with additional issues during the discussion</p> <p>The event was intended to comprise a wide range of army and cadet groups, various bands and a march through the town involving up to 1000 personnel.</p> <p>In discussion, it was agreed that the event would have to take place on a Sunday, that the only realistic date from the RAR's perspective was therefore 8<sup>th</sup> June, and that the consequence of this was that the armed forces themed Summer Saturday on 28<sup>th</sup> June would have to be de-militarised (subject to discussion with other stakeholders) and the midsummer market for the voluntary sector would have to be moved.</p> <p>Officers expressed concern that because the proposed event would be so close to Kettfest on 14<sup>th</sup> June that their capacity to contribute to the event would be limited or it would have to be supplemented. There were various other costs to establish and the involvement of NNC would be critical to the events success. Members discussed whether it was more realistic to programme the vent into 2026.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the proposed event be strongly welcomed but that officers be asked to enter a dialogue with the RAR about the practicalities of running it in 2025 and asking the RAR to increase the support they gave to the event over and above that which had applied in 2022, the last time a similar event had taken place in Northampton, with a clear agreement about respective roles and responsibilities. .</p>
ME24/23	<p><b>Events Programme for 24-25 progress and update</b></p> <p>A report was submitted summarising the events programme in the year to date, the costs incurred and likely costs remaining. at events. It was supplemented by a verbal report on issues raised, attendance levels and feedback.</p> <p>Some changes were proposed to the bands in the park arrangements, including introducing stewarding and paying St</p>

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	<p>Andrews church for use of their toilets. Members asked about extending the range of refreshments available.</p> <p>Involving community groups in the arrangements for Summer Saturdays was advocated as a way of widening attendance and the profile of each one.</p> <p>Officers confirmed that they continued to discourage traders' use of single use plastics.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted and that the changes discussed be included within the 25/6 programme.</p>
ME24/24	<p><b>Midsummer market for the voluntary sector</b></p> <p>A report was submitted summarising the engagement that had taken place with the voluntary sector, including the Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the Lord Lieutenancy, about the timing, venue and format for the event.</p> <p>The feedback had been that the event should continue to be linked to national volunteering week but that there was a possibility that it could also be linked to any national volunteering programme that the palace might endorse which would involve the NCF and the Lord Lieutenancy and which would given it much greater profile.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to maintain the event in its current format, but seek to ally it to other volunteering programmes that may emerge in the new year and also to change the date in the light of the armed forces event in June (item 22 above)</p>
ME24/25	<p><b>Events Schedule for 2025/26</b></p> <p>The draft programme for 24/5 was submitted to which the following changes would need to be made in the light of decisions above:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reduction in skateboarding events from three to two</li><li>- Change in date for the midsummer market</li><li>- Change in theme for the June Summer Saturday</li><li>- Inclusion of an Armed forces parade on 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE</li></ul> <p>It was agreed to keep the Friday Night Discos to two, both in the late summer.</p> <p>The possibility of youth discos was raised and the meeting was advised that a Big Kettering Spring Clean was being planned by voluntary groups for 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the draft programme, as amended during the</p>

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	meeting, be approved
ME24/26	<p><b>Market Performance year to date.</b></p> <p>A report was submitted summarising the financial and operational position of the market. It had continued to grow and the deficit for this year was likely to be smaller than budgeted for. Members discussed how it could continue to expand and opportunities for partners such as Tresham College to be engaged.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.</p>
	Meeting closed at 9.03pm

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