

Yateley Town Council

Community Committee Meeting

Date: 16th October 2023, 1pm

Venue: Oak Room, Council Offices

Present: Cllr Stuart Bailey (Mayor and Chair); Cllr Gerry Crisp

In attendance:

Cllr Mark Griffin (Deputy Mayor) (left at 2.32pm)

Cllr Tony Spencer

Suzanne Pinkney – Communications & Events Officer

Julie Routley - Town Clerk

1. Welcome & Apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs Drage. Cllrs Cockarill and Jones were absent.

It was noted that the committee could consider moving meetings to the evening as many of the members were unavailable in the daytime.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made for any item on the agenda.

3. Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2023 were accepted and approved.

5. Current Plans for Mayor's Civic Role in 2023-24

Cllr Bailey as Mayor, gave an update on the current plans for Mayor's Civic Role in 2023-24.

Current Plans for Mayor's Civic Role in 2023-24

Event	Update
<u>Civic Bonfire</u>	4 th Nov 2023
<u>Remembrance Service</u>	12 th Nov 2023
<u>Christmas Lights and Fair</u> – St Barnabas, Darby Green	24 th November 2023
<u>Christmas Lights and Market</u> – Church End Green	25 th Nov 2023
<u>Christmas Lunch</u>	Christmas Day – Hosted by Yateley Industries this year
<u>Civic Service</u>	TBC – was 5 th Feb last year
<u>Mayor's Charity Dinner</u>	TBC – Was 4 th March last year at the Casa Hotel. Cllr Bailey suggested that he may do other events instead; possibly a curry night and would look to do 2 or 3 events after Christmas that would contribute towards the Mayor's Charity

Cllr Bailey confirmed that this year his Mayor's Charity would be 50% Vision 4 Youth and 50% to a charity to be confirmed.

ACTION: Cllr Bailey to advise second charity once confirmed.

6. Debrief on Coronation Events

The Communications & Events Officer gave a debrief on the Coronations Events.

The Saturday Event 'The Big Picnic' had gone well considering the weather but would have benefitted from a clear wet weather plan. People may have assumed the event was not going ahead and therefore did not attend.

Some events were decided late on and so were difficult to advertise such as the band. In addition, a food vendor dropped out at the last minute.

Despite the bad weather the event was attended and YTC received positive feedback about the event.

Other Coronation events over the weekend had gone well. The Big Watch at St Peter's Church had been well attended.

Many residents and community groups attended the Civic Service and Tree planting. 'The Big Lunch' at Frogmore Junior School had gone well with over one thousand people attending.

It was noted that for popular national events all the bookings need to be made early.

7. D-Day Commemoration

Members discussed what Yateley Town Council might wish to do to mark this event.

The Town Clerk explained that so far information received was that nationally another beacon lighting was planned for this event.

It was noted that a WWI re-enactment group had done an event in 2018 to mark 100 years since WWI.

Suggestions: beacon lighting, Barbeque, a trail of those who fell in the war similar to an event in 2020 for VE Day.

ACTIONS: Communications & Events Officer

- To contact Blackbushe Airport to see if they have any plans.
- To ask The Royal British Legion what they are planning.

ACTION: Town Clerk To investigate what other Councils are planning.

8. Update on Events & Other Activities

Event / Activity	
<u>Civic Day Event</u>	It is believed this will be on 15 th June 2024
<u>Hart District Council Civic Carol Service</u>	The Mayor will attend this event on 9 th December 2023 to be held at Darby Green.

<u>Senior Citizen's Night</u>	A grant from HDC had been received for this event in the past. It was noted that this maybe an event for another year.
<u>Mayor's Golf Cup Day</u>	This event could take place in summer or early September in 2024
<u>Jazz Supper Night</u>	
<u>Challenge Pub or Hall Quiz Night</u>	It was suggested there could be a 'Mayor's Team' made up of Cllrs which could attend local quizzes to raise the presence of the Mayor and the Town Council in the community. ACTION: Members will circulate events to Cllrs and ask if they are interested in attending.
<u>Beating the Bounds</u>	This is the tradition of walking the boundary of the parish. It was noted that this would be nice to do each decade and was last done around 2017/18. ACTION: Cllr Spencer will share details of the last event.
<u>Pub Carolling</u>	This had been a long-standing event that had be halted due to covid. It was felt this could be achievable this year on Friday 15th December. ACTION: Town Clerk • to check if Yelabus would be able to support the event with transport. • To apply for necessary licences from HDC.
<u>Fun Fair and Circus</u>	The Circus has been booked in for w/c 8 th July 2024 and the Fun Fair are yet to confirm.
<u>Feel Good Festival</u>	This event had started to be planned when covid struck. There had been a lot of interest last time and a lunch had taken place to launch the event. ACTION: Cllr Crisp and Communications & Events Officer

	to meet before December to discuss the format for the event and budget required.
<u>Arts and Craft Fair</u>	This could be a summer event. This could also be held in Monteagle Community Hall.
<u>Summer Picnic on the Green</u>	This will depend on what other events are planned around this time.

Cllr Bailey noted that these events fell into 3 categories:

- Events for the wider Community
- Fund raising events for the Mayor's Charity
- Other events offering a social event which may or may not raise funds for the Mayor's Charity.

Market – The Market was briefly discussed; including where it sited and possible alternatives which will be investigated further.

Next meeting TBC in late November/early December
to confirm any budget requirements to be recommended to Full Council.

The meeting on 22nd January 2024 at 7pm is to be opened to community groups to attend.

The meeting ended at 2.38pm.