

Yateley Town Council

Community Committee Meeting

Date: 17th February 2025, 7pm

Venue: Oak Room, Council Offices, GU46 7RP

Present:

Cllr Mark Griffin (Chairman)

Cllr Gerry Crisp

Cllr Greg Easterbrook (substituting for Cllr Drage)

Cllr Phelps-Jones

In attendance:

Julie Routley - Town Clerk

Cllr Julia Wedlock (arrived at 7.08pm)

Absent COUNCILLORS (committee members)

Cllr Graham Cockarill

Cllr Mark Higgins

Cllr Nicky Jones.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Griffin opened the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Drage.

2. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made for any item on the agenda.

3. Notes of Last Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 7th November 2024 were accepted and approved.

4. Events

To discuss which events to hold in 2025 and to make recommendations to Full Council.

Feel Good Festival

The Town Clerk had advised that:

- There are insufficient staff resources to run the festival this year.
- This highlights broader issues with managing large events and staff availability for weekends.
- Last year, despite the involvement of staff, councillors, the Lions, and the Scouts, more support was needed to ensure safety and efficiency.

A detailed discussion took place.

i) To make recommendations to Full Council

Following a detailed discussion, it was agreed to recommend to Full Council:

1. **Feel Good Festival** – That this event goes ahead, to be held on Saturday 13th September. The event will be run by Councillors and Volunteers led by Cllr Crisp who would be Event Manager on the day.
2. **Craft Fair**: To hold a smaller-scale Craft Fair at Darby Green in June, July, or August this year, with the date subject to staff availability. Fewer staff would be required, this would generate funds, and it would be an event at the other end of the village.
3. **Village Fete at Frogmore**: Not enough information was known about this to make a recommendation. It was suggested not to be involved in this event.
4. **May Fayre** – To have a Council Information Stall, manned by councillors, at the May Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May. To circulate a sign-up sheet at Full Council meeting on 3rd March.
5. **VE 80 Events**: To schedule a meeting with RBL and discuss what they would like YTC to contribute.
6. **Remembrance Day**: Sunday 9th November. It is suggested to organise this event as usual.
Longstanding event YTC are used to organising. Councillors are encouraged to attend. Organisation takes place in advance, staff attendance not essential on the day.
7. **Frogmore Light Switch on**: Friday evening, 28th November. YTC can attend as usual.
Members and Staff may attend, but this is not an event organised by the council. YTC arrange in advance for light switch on.
8. **Christmas Market**: Saturday 29th November. To take part as usual:
Led by the Lions, with YTC offering support and arranging the light switch on.
Staff often attend but attendance not essential.

5. **Mayor's Charity and Civic Events 2024/25**

The Mayor provided an update on the Civic and Charities events, highlighting those that had recently taken place and outlining the upcoming events scheduled for 2024/25.

The Mayor's Charities are:

- V4Y
- Cornerstone
- Daisy Chain Café

Events attended:

June:

- D-Day 80th Anniversary – Commemoration Service, Beacon and Laying of wreaths
- Visit to V4Y
- Events in June were kindly attended by Deputy Mayor (Cllr Gerry Crisp)

August:

- Opened Yateley Health and Fitness Gym with New Equipment

September:

- Stone Varnishing for Covid Snake (with TCs)
- Feel Good Festival
- Twilight Runway Event

November:

- Yateley Choral Society Concert
- Re-opening of Yateley Police Station
- Frogmore Christmas Lights Switch-on
- Opening of Lilyfords building site for Gaydon House
- Yateley Christmas Lights Switch-on

December:

- Westfield Junior School Nativity Play
- Westfield Infants School Nativity Play
- Bible reading – St Peters Christmas Service
- Pub Carol Singing

January 2025:

- Hurst Lodge School Visit

February:

- Opened the Hudson Centre, Yateley School

Coming up:

- Rushmoor Gala Dinner (7th March)
- Deputy Mayor at Yateley Industries (7th March)
- YTC Annual Town Meeting (17th March)
- Royal Military College Concert (22nd March)
- May Fayre
- VE Day 80th Anniversary (May)

Other events TBA

Cllr Easterbrook and Wedlock offered to help with the Ramble Rally fund raising event.

Next Meeting 16th June 2025, 7pm, The Oak Room

The meeting ended at 8.22pm.