

Minutes of the Events Committee
Meeting held on 2 October 2025
In the Large Meeting Room at the Library building

Councillors present: French (Chair), Cornwall, Varley, Ward
Councillors not present: Bhatt, Healy
In attendance: the Town Clerk

A. TO NOTE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bhatt and Healy.

RESOLVED that:-
the apologies be noted.

B. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were given.

RESOLVED that:-
the information be noted.

C. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2025 AND THE COUNCIL'S DECISIONS THEREON

The minutes of the meetings held on 21 August 2025 had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED that:-
the minutes be noted.

D. TO REVIEW 1940s DAY

The Committee noted that the event had been successful and that the extended road closure area had been very welcome. It was reported that the Spitfire had been unavailable on the day but that the three passes from the Lancaster was a good substitute. It was suggested that signs for the road closure be expanded. It was suggested that regular updates on bookings be provided to the Committee. Members expressed views on various aspects of the day and it was

RESOLVED that:-
the information be noted.

E. TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1) PUMPKIN CARVING AND PARADE - 30/10/2025

It was suggested that participants congregate in the car park of The George and parade to Fifi's Bar to receive a treat for participating and then parade to the Heritage Centre. It was reported that the treats would be donated by local businesses and that the road closure order had been granted.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) arrangements for the event be approved;
- (b) a copy of the advertising be provided to the Town Clerk for publication;
- (c) the pumpkins be judged by the Town Mayor, Mrs S McElhinney, and Mrs L Molloy;
- (d) prizes of £30, £20, and £10 be awarded, the prizes being vouchers donated by local businesses
- (e) in the event that insufficient sponsorship was received the purchase of vouchers by the Town Council be authorised;
- (f) signs, and letters to residents be produced by the Town Clerk and delivered by Councillors.

2) REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE - 09/11/2025

It was noted that the road closure order had been granted.

RESOLVED that:-

signs, and letters to residents be produced by the Town Clerk and delivered by Councillors.

3) GALA NIGHT - 28/11/2025

The Committee discussed the outline arrangements for the event.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the 2025 event follow the same format as recent years but with the road closure including the section of High Street between Buckwell Close and Saxon Close;
- (b) the charges for pitches and gazebos remain unchanged;
- (c) First aid be provided by qualified Councillors;
- (d) signs, and letters to residents be produced by the Town Clerk and delivered by Councillors;
- (e) Kettering Silver Band be engaged to play on the night;
- (f) the offer of a loudspeaker loan be accepted subject to appropriate safety testing;
- (g) consideration be given to who might be asked to switch on the lights;
- (h) the Town Clerk be authorised to purchase minor items as necessary to facilitate the event;
- (i) the application form for volunteers and pitches be published by the Town Clerk.

F. TO AGREE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that:-

the next meeting be scheduled for 6 November 2025.

The meeting closed at 19:09