



MINUTES OF THE MARKETS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN the MUNICIPAL OFFICES, BOWLING GREEN RD, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

Councillors Present: Cllr Craig Skinner (Chair)  
Cllrs Dez Dell, Alexander Evelyn, Emily Fedorowycz,  
Mark Rowley and Bev Wright

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

3 members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
<b>ME23/43</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllr York
<b>ME23/44</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  None declared
<b>ME23/45</b>	<b>Public session</b>  Mr and Mrs Nunney spoke on item 48 and Kamal Paul, who arrived subsequently, also provided details of events which are captured under item 48.
<b>ME23/46</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
<b>ME23/47</b>	<b>Running Event</b>  A report was presented which set out the options for the running event intended to be held in March 2025. Two specialist companies had submitted proposals for a main and subsidiary event and different route options. Members considered the competing offers and concluded that the offer by company B was the one which provided most benefit.

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	<p>The exact route of any event would need to be agreed with highways and the police, but members indicated some risks in the current proposed route which needed to be explored.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The offer by Run Through to provide a half marathon, with options for shorter runs alongside it, be accepted, at nil cost to the Council, on the broad lines set out in the report as to routes, and start and finish points and timings</li><li>b) Officers be authorised to agree a three or five year arrangement with Run Through</li><li>c) The preferred date for the first event be 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025</li><li>d) The Council work with the statutory authorities, delivery partners and landowners to flesh out the event and ancillary activities and report back to future meetings.</li></ul>
<p><b>ME23/48</b></p>	<p><b>Events Schedule 2024-5</b></p> <p>A summary report was presented, detailing activity and spend to date on events in 24/5. A verbal update was provided in respect of the vegan market and the easter trail both of which had had high participation rates.</p> <p>A summary was also provided about decisions taken by the Kettering Cultural Consortium about the use of their grant from the Town Council, and about progress with Kettfest.</p> <p>Mr and Mrs Nunney attended to set out their hopes to keep alive the legacy of their son Sebastian, with two events during the year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- An “Orange Day” in May each year</li><li>- A Kettering Talent competition in October each year, the winner of which would perform at the Christmas lights Switch on</li></ul> <p>Members fully endorsed their work to add to the event schedule for Kettering and to raise money to support families with complex medical needs. It was agreed to provide promotional support to both events, to add them into future years’ programmes, to bring them into the ambit of the Kettering Cultural Consortium and for the Council’s logo to be used on their literature as an endorsement. Mr and Mrs Nunney were applauded for their work and commitment.</p>

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	<p>Kamal Paul attended to promote the (Sikh community) Vaisakhi Dinner and dance being held at the Corn Market Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and to indicate his willingness to be involved in KTC events such as Love Food in future. He was also intending to organise a Mella event in the coming year and was seeking sponsorship for that.</p>
<b>ME23/49</b>	<p><b>Market Performance for 23/4 year</b></p> <p>The end of year summary for the performance of the general market was provided. It continued to gradually build in terms of the number of traders attending. There had been four days in the last 5 months where bad weather had caused trading to be cancelled altogether. Issues with electricity supply continued to be a drag on attracting new traders. The deficit in this year had been just over £7000 compared to the £11,000 predicted.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 7.45pm</p>

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