Dulverton Town Council

Dulverton Traders Association

Dulverton Town Hall

Dulverton Heritage Centre

Dulverton Partnership Meeting Minutes 13th December 2023 10.00am at Exchange Cottage, Lady Street, Dulverton TA22 9EX

Present: Christine Dubery, Nick Thwaites, Margaret Rawle, Ali Pegrum, Louise Ogden, Allison Crisp and Chris Nelder.

Apologies: Hayley Sampson and Ken Warren

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of 4th November 2023. Proposed by Chris Nelder, seconded by Louise Ogden and carried.

Chairman's Comments:
Christine wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and extended thanks to everyone for their support, time and energy to get things done during a very successful year.

Matters Arising:

Literary Festival 18th and 19th November 2023 - A comprehensive report was provided by Ali. The Festival had been very well supported again. She had received very positive feed-back and shared numerous messages she had received from the authors, attendees and the press, praising the organisation and friendliness of the event. The audience and authors appreciated the volunteers welcoming smiles and helpfulness.
The children and parents who attended the presentation of awards for the writing competition by Michael Morpurgo commented that the event had inspired many people and created much happiness.
The rota of helpers worked well. Thanks was extended for their time and support. Tea/coffee and drinks proved popular. Special thanks were extended to the sound and lighting team involving Callum, Arthur and David (Exmoor Events Services) and Gerry Lewis; and Jeff Pegrum for placing the road side advertising boards all over greater Exmoor. Somerset Life Magazine sent two representatives who attended both days and will be producing articles in the February 2024 edition of Somerset Life. Lucy from Exmoor Character Cottages also attended both days and managed the Green Room, and interviewed authors for the Podcasts.

The attendance numbers at Workshops held in the Library were disappointing but the children's writing competition was a great success.
Waterstones were pleased with the sale of books.
The Festival drinks party on Saturday evening was successful. It was felt than 1 hour was adequate. Canapes were provided by the Bridge Inn, Cocktails by the Sipshed and wine provided by Wellhayes Vineyard. Local establishments kindly provided complimentary accommodation for the speakers.

Next years' Literary Festival was discussed. It was decided to retain the Exmoor theme and Town Hall venue. Waterstones are happy to attend again. It was considered that the drinks party should be ticket only to control numbers attending. Funding and sponsorship will need to be sourced to support the festival in its current format. Several ideas are in the pot and will be discussed at future Partnership Meetings.

Finances: Statement and approval of payments to date (Appendix A)

RESOLVED: To approve payments as per Appendix A. subject to amendment of £378 payable to Pegrum Farm Services should not be listed under the Literary Festival but General Events Account as this was for repairs to the shed roof. Proposed by Chris Nelder and seconded by Louise Ogden and carried.

RESOLVED: To transfer £2000 from Events account spreadsheet to the Literary Festival spreadsheet. Proposed by Allison Crisp, seconded by Nick Thwaites and carried.

Marketing Consultant:
Ali thanked everyone for their support and encouragement. She continues to keep the Visit Dulverton website and Facebook Pages up to date. A List of Events for 2024 will be posted shortly.

Events 24:
Music Event 25th May 2024: The Sub Committee will be meeting early January and will give an update at the next Partnership Meeting.

Open Gardens: An advertisement will be placed on Facebook requesting that residents who live within a short walking distance of the town centre come forward if they would like to open their garden to the public on a Sunday in June (the date is yet to be fixed).
The format will be the same as 2023.

Any other Business with permission of the Chairman:
There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.30pm.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 10 am, at Exchange Cottage.

Appendix A

13th December 2023

Payments for approval:

Katherine Brown	Literary Festival	175.00		14/11/23
Poppy Flaxman	Literary Festival	100.00		14/11/23
Dennis Coath	Literary Festival	175.00		14/11/23
Cllr Mrs C. Dubery	Literary Festival	22.80		14/11/23
Wellhayes Vineyard	Literary Festival	240.00		21/11/23
Cllr Mrs C. Dubery	Literary Festival	21.65		21/11/23
Michael Morphurgo	Literary Festival	210.00		21/11/23
Ian Coleby	Literary Festival	100.00		21/11/23
Harry Borden	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Hilary Bradt	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Amyas Crump	Literary Festival	100.00		21/11/23
Janet Ellis	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
West Ikerton Farm	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Belinda Kirk	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Andrew Lownie	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Hannah Norman	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Miranda Taylor	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
WRSS Enterprises Ltd.	Literary Festival	210.00		21/11/23
Julian Glover	Literary Festival	175.00		21/11/23
Exmoor News	General	28.00		21/11/23
Pegrum Farm services	Literary Festival	378.00		21/11/23
Annabel Greenfield	Literary Festival	100.00		21/11/23
Rachel Campbell Johnson	Literary Festival	175.00		28/11/23
C & A Editions	Literary Festival	420.00		28/11/23
Sheppard Turner Ltd	Literary Festival	210.00		28/11/23
Andrew Lownie	Literary Festival	69.20		28/11/23
Ali Pegrum	General	1,910.00		28/11/23