Dulverton Town Council

Dulverton Traders Association

Dulverton Town Hall

Dulverton Heritage Centre

Dulverton Partnership Meeting Minutes 15th November 2023 10.00am at Exchange Cottage, Lady Street, Dulverton TA22 9EX

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

Apologies: Hayley Sampson

Election of Chairman: Christine Dubery was proposed by Nick Thwaites and seconded by Ali Pegrum. No other nominees so carried by all present.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting:

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of 4th October 2023. Proposed by Christine Dubery, seconded by Ali Pegrum and carried.

Chairman's Comments: None

Matters Arising: None

Literary Festival 18th and 19th November 2023.
Ali reported that 520 tickets have been sold to date. Unfortunately the workshops, which are to be held in the Library on Saturday 18th November, have received very little interest. A disappointing response for James Gillam, of Fabula Arts, and Annabel Collis who have spent considerable time and effort promoting them.
There have been 26 entries for the writing competition. Kate Lord Brown, the competition judge, will announce the winner and read the winning entry at the prize giving event on Sunday afternoon. Waterstone's vouchers will be awarded to the winner and runners up, presented by Michael Morpurgo. The three shortlisted children have been invited to attend the prize giving event along with no more than three family members.
Waterstones have asked to park their van outside the Town Hall. Bollards to be sourced from the local PCSO by Christine.

The 'invitation only' Festival Drinks Party is to be held between 6.30pm – 7.30pm on Saturday. The Bridge Inn is providing 210 canopies. Wellhayes Vineyard the Wine and The Sip Shed are providing the cocktails. The Sip Shed will set up its' own table and glasses. Canapés to be collected by Jeff Pegrum.
Croft and Cottage and the Exclusive Cake Company are providing refreshments for the 'green room', including humus dips, sausage rolls, mince pies and cookies.
Ali is promoting the festival on Somerset Live, Devon Live and Radio Bristol with interviews.
Gerry Lewis and Arthur Puttock are providing the technical expertise for the lighting and sound.
Christine has produced a rota of helpers for the two days.

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

RESOLVED: To approve payments as per Appendix A. Proposed by Allison, seconded by Louise and carried.

Marketing Consultant: No additional comments.

Events 24:
Louise gave an update on the Musical Event in May 2024. The bands taking part are to be confirmed.
The title of the event was discussed and it was decided to call it 'Dulverton Sounds Festival' to take place on Exmoor Lawns on Sat May 25th 2024.

Other events scheduled include:
Antiques Valuation Day – Sat 23rd March 2024
Artisan fair – Saturday 6th July
Fun Run – Sun 15th September 2024
Literary Festival – 16th/17th November 2024.
Starlight – Sun 1st December 2024
Open Gardens- Date to be arranged.

Any other Business with permission of the Chairman:
Christine informed members of the Exmoor National Parks Authority's (ENPA) proposals to close the Visitor Centre in the Town and transfer it, on a smaller scale, to the foyer of the ENPA Offices. The facility will be open from April -October only. The changes are planned to be implemented after the 2024 season. Representatives from the Dulverton Partnership and Dulverton Town Council, plus three others voiced their opposition at the recent ENPA members meeting held at Exmoor House. However, members subsequently approved the proposal.
Dulverton Town Council will be asking the National Park Authority to attend a meeting to explain their intentions for the building when vacated.

Ali praised Christine for her leadership of the Partnership Group which was supported unanimously by those present. Margaret also thanked Ali for all the work she has done so professionally especially the Literary Festival.

Meeting closed at 11.45am.

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 13th December 2023 at Exchange Cottage at 10am.

Appendix A

15th November 2023

Payments for approval:

Expenditure	Event/ Details	Amount £	+ VAT (if applicable)	Date Paid
Caremoor	Open Gardens Donation	1,000.00		19/09
Medicare Southwest	Fun Run	420.00		19/09
CN Reeson	Fun Run - Medals	175.00		29/09
Mrs A Pegrum	Marketing & Consultancy	1,679.90		03/10
BrightOwl	Stickers for Roadside Boards	38.57	7.63	24/10
Mrs Ali Pegrum	Marketing & Consultancy	1,556.10		31/10