

# Hatherleigh Festival Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting Minutes (*draft to be approved*)

**Date and place of Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018, 8pm at The George.

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Sally Vick, Gemma Denham, Meg Hansen, Luppo Diepenbroek, Ben Whiting.
2. **Committee Members Present:** Steve Carter, Steve Attfield, Alan Durrant, Monica Jones, Josie Lloyd, Greg Bushell, Joe Picarella,
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting for approval**  
Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as accurate.
4. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**  
All Actions completed and no matters arising.
5. **Officers' Standing Reports** with discussion and actions arising
  - a. **The Chair reported:**  
Gemma Denham is standing down as Treasurer due to work commitments. The Committee wanted to express their sincere appreciation to Gemma for her work in support of Hatherleigh Festival. We are fortunate that Paul Flowers has agreed to be our new Treasurer.
  - b. **Treasurer's Report**  
Our expenditure for 2018 Festival was £8,847.00 and income was £9,356.00 producing a surplus this year of £509.00. Gemma asked that any outstanding expenses need to get to her soon please.
  - c. **Secretary's Report**  
Nothing to report.
6. **Agenda Items**
  - a. **Review of 2018 and feedback**
    - Programme needs to go out earlier, and distributed more widely;
    - Goose Run was a great success;

- Wrist bands were great this year, both the look of them, and the fact we sold them all;
- Straw bale seating was very welcomed by people who had somewhere to sit;
- **ACTION ???** to research other seating possibilities and trestles from the market?;
- The food worked well apart from the work involved in the Hog Roast; do more food, no Hog Roast, and make sure food is visible;
- There was nowhere safe for marshals and helpers to leave bags etc, to rest up, or any central location from which to provide information, wristbands, collect donations, register bands as they arrive etc. Idea to have a 'Festival Office' which could be a gazebo or perhaps the visitors centre, manned throughout the festival as a central Festival organisers office/tent;
- It would help to have walkie-talkies;
- Vehicles were blocking routes around the square – vehicles should unload then move away to be parked and that includes our vehicles. Someone hurt themselves this year walking into a trailer.

### **Ideas for next year**

- The meeting thought Steve Attfield's idea of running a New Year's Eve family disco was a great idea. **ACTION Steve Attfield** to check availability of Community Centre;
- Hold a kids and mums disco during main festival;
- Hat wearing (HATHERleigh Festival?!);
- Theme could be 1919 return of heroes from war. In 1919 there was an actually festival celebrating peace with games and activities;
- 'Festival of Peace';
- Soap/waterslide down market street **ACTION Alan** to discuss with Ben Whiting;
- Will we have usual festival in the square? Or Island Park?
- More DJ sets?
- We will have bands, Scar bands was excellent, 'Dock Knees'?
- Nature workshop was very popular, run again please;
- Something for after Sunday morning, perhaps an open mic, just song and guitar (no bass, drums) chill afternoon?
- Classical music in the square? Perhaps Saturday PM set?
- Choral in The Methodist Hall?
- Bell-ringing workshop?

- Tractors and heavy horse during festival? Some sort of event linking to Hatherleigh's agricultural setting to interest a wider part of our community?
- 1930's coach rides?
- Advertising: needs improving, more signs up in the local area, more coverage in local press, online etc.
- **ACTION Alan**, get rules and Constitution up onto shared drive.
- Get some thank you cards.

7. A.O.B.  
None.

**Date of next meeting**

This will be Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 8pm The George.

Please note: AGM will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2018, 8pm, The George.

The meeting ended at 9:20pm