OLNEY TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of Dickens of a Christmas Committee held at The Olney Centre on Monday 18th October 2021 at 7:00pm

Present: Cllrs Bethune (Chair), Whitworth, Ward, Varley

Also: Bill Bethune, Trevor Aldred, Colin Dooley, Gill Parker, Mike Kennedy, Kathy Danskin

In attendance: Jane Brushwood for Olney Town Council

DoaC21/13: Apologies for absence Cllrs Geach, Brock and Brown, Graham Daniels

DoaC21/14: Declarations of interests on items on the agenda

Resolved: None declared

DoaC21/15: To approve the minutes of the DoaC meeting held on 20th September 2021

Resolved: To approve the minutes

DoaC21/16: To receive an update on stall applications received to date

Cllr Deirdre Bethune and Colin Dooley allocated all stalls to spaces, there are fewer applications so have been able to reduce the number of stalls at the top of High Street and around the Market Place, all fits in well.

Resolved: No more stalls applications are required.

DoaC21/17: Update on actions from the last meeting

- Kathy Danskin reported that a couple of retailers had stated they'd like to have a stall outside their shop, any trader is able to but only to sell the product they sell in the shop, they are to be reminded that it is their responsibility to obtain a TEN. They must email the office so we can ensure no clash of spaces.
- Mike Kennedy confirmed that he is still available to put the signs up around the town 3 weeks before the event.
- Gill Parker informed that there will be a Christmas Tree Festival on the Saturday and Sunday in the church.

Signed: Cllr D Bethune, 8th November 2021

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- Colin Dooley stated his concern about gazebos on the pavement outside shops causing obstructions. He confirmed that he is available to mark out the Market Place on the Thursday before.
- Trevor Aldred attempted to change the mind of the Carlton House Club to allow Lions to use the room again but to no avail, he confirmed that Lions would be in The Olney Centre with craft stalls.
- Naomi Brock had reported to Deirdre that Ousedale School did want to do some entertain but no details as yet.
- Office to arrange for permission from Chris White of MKC to put signs up and order cones from MKC

Resolved: Updates Noted

DoaC21/18: An update on logistical arrangements to date

The list was read out confirming the tasks done and left to do at each stage before the event.

Resolved: To check the vegan stall is not next to a meat stall. To confirm times of the event are 10am – 4pm and confirm with Souls Coaches. To inform stall holders that all cars to be set up and off by 7.30am.

The next meeting to be held on Monday 8th November at 7pm

The meeting finished at 7.30pm