

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **2004 Committee**, which was held on **Thursday 29th April 2004** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Councillor G. Francis
Mr D. Sherratt
Councillor Mrs. P. A. Dow
Councillor N. Fogg
Councillor P. B. Cossey
Councillor M. C. Curtis
Councillor G. W. Worby
Dr. T. Rogers
Mrs V. Philpott

Chairman

Mr A. Grindley
Jonathan Mansfield

eh! Communications
Civic Secretary

01 APOLOGIES:

There were no apologies for absence.

02 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting of 15th April 2004 having previously been circulated, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the following amendments –

03(e) Royal Visit – Mr Stephen Berryman is from Bradfield College and not Marlborough College.

04(c) Barriers - Should read Mrs Philpott and not Mr Philpott.

03 MATTERS ARISING:

None.

04 (a) Video and Photography:

The Chairman referred to the quotation from eh! Communications, which the Committee agreed at the previous meeting was beyond the means available to the Committee. The Chairman asked Mr Grindley to update the Committee.

Alan Grindley stated that he would film the record himself at no cost and Marlborough College had offered to edit the film also free of charge. He asked if it would be possible to recover some costs i.e. from the sale of DVDs and videos. Mr Grindley asked the Committee to consider which of the main events should be included in the production.

Mr David Sherratt expressed his concern that no firm figures on costings were presented to the Committee. He suggested that only Town Councillors should be involved in this

discussion since any financial consequences would have to be met by the Town Council.

Councillor N. Fogg said that the record of the event would be highly regarded in retrospect and should be made.

The Committee were delighted with Mr Grindley's offer and wanted assurance that Mr Grindley would not be out of pocket. It was agreed that a record of the events of 11th to 18th June are included and that after the events the Committee would look at ways of recovering costs by producing and selling the DVDs and videos.

Mr Grindley also added that the average quote for a large video screen to broadcast the Royal visit to the audience assembled outside the Town Hall was £8,000. It was agreed that this was beyond the means of the Committee.

Mr Grindley would seek confirmation of Niall Hamilton's offer to produce the video.

It was agreed to accept Alan Grindley's offer and to ensure that he is not out of pocket and the Committee would look at the finance once the record is made.

(b) High Street Barriers and Stewards:

The Chairman has asked Councillor M. C. Curtis to take the responsibility for arranging the stewards for all the celebration events and Councillor G. W. Worby to take responsibility for erecting and dismantling the crowd control barriers. The barriers will make an eight meter corridor down the High Street, splaying out at the Town Hall and with a corridor to the Merchant's House for the Royal visit. The Chairman said that the Police Inspector has recommended that the barriers are stacked at the side of the road when they are not required.

The Chairman asked for any suggestions for stewards. Mrs Philpott suggested the stewards who volunteer for the Jazz Festival. Councillor N. Fogg was anxious to point out that these stewards were heavily committed already and also came considerable distances. The Chairman asked Councillor M. C. Curtis to check with the Lions club.

(c) Royal visit:

The Council has received 132 replies to the Royal reception so far and with Councillors who have not replied this should total about 160.

Mr Sherratt reminded the Committee of the Lord Lieutenant's instructions not to mention the tentative arrangements for the visit of HRH the Prince of Wales. St. James's Palace referred to an article in the local newspaper about the visit and said that if it happens again, for security reasons the Prince may be advised not to come.

Mr Sherratt has been to Lloyd of Bedwyn and ordered the commemorative plaque, which has been approved by St James's Palace. He has been told that the estimated cost will increase due to the extra line of carving.

The Chairman added that the Committee is still awaiting approval of HRH the Prince of Wales's foreword.

(d) Additional Children's Events:

Councillor Mrs. P. A. Dow has phoned all the Marlborough schools and unfortunately they are unable to help. Mrs Dow has obtained the line dancing group to put on a show.

The Committee discussed other entertainers, buskers and alternative street entertainments. It was agreed that the spectacle of the High Street being empty for four hours might encourage people to stay in the High Street and that the High Street pubs should be encouraged to put on entertainments, and put chairs outside their premises. The Chairman asked Councillor N. Fogg to take the responsibility for publicising this to the local pubs.

(e) Invites to Village Schools:

It was agreed to widen the invitation to line the Royal walkabout route to include the schools from all SN8 postcode areas.

(f) Market Arrangements:

The Chairman has confirmed that Kennet District Council are happy for the Saturday market on 12th June to take place at the west end of the High Street, double banked. The Committee are still awaiting confirmation from the market traders that this is acceptable.

(g) Park and Ride Arrangements:

The Chairman has received a quote from the Wiggly Bus company to provide a park and Ride service for the sum of £625. It was agreed that the high cost and the minimal usage of this service (such as at the Spirit of Christmas evening) would make it impractical. It was agreed not pursue this idea.

05 FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Chairman stated that the Committee was £800 in the black. This includes the £15,000 that Marlborough Town Council has promised to underwrite the celebrations.

The Chairman has received an offer of 18 bottles of red wine and 18 bottles or white wine from the local Waitrose store for the reception of the Mayors of Wiltshire on Sunday 20th June 2004.

Councillor Mrs. P. A. Dow asked if the Mr W. Wilson will make a donation to the Committee? The Chairman said that he was hoping for a donation.

Mr Alan Grindley sought permission to look for sponsorship for the video production. This was agreed.

Dr T. Rogers, referring to item 04(b) in the Minutes of the meeting of 15th April, added that Marlborough College had also offered the Sixth Form Club for the Royal Marines Band to change. The Chairman and Mr Sherratt would like to think about how this might affect the Sun Inn and the Ivy House Hotel who had agreed to host the players.

06 NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th May in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough.

Meeting closed at 8.28pm.