

Action Downham Strategy Group – record of meeting 3.2.20

Present – Cllr Lightfoot (Chair) Cllrs Daymond, Bulley, Hendry, Pickering, Shippey, Westrop, Soehnle, Elaine Oliver for first two items

Notes: Tina Griffin

<p>Statement of Purpose “Breaking down barriers and celebrating difference, developing a more neighbourly community through events and public consultation</p>

	Apologies – Cllrs Molyneux-Hetherington, Sharman, Doyle	
1.	To receive any declarations of interest No declarations were received.	
2	<p>To update on Action Downham strategy and Consultation Elaine Oliver clarified that in order to generate the strategy, Cllrs had, at the previous meeting, agreed to feed their consultation exercise into that being run for the Neighbourhood Plan. The data collected will help inform and guide the AD strategy.</p> <p>The consultation ‘headings’ will be available shortly with the next meeting involving the NP consultant being held on 13th February 2020.</p> <p>She would feedback progress to this committee at the next meeting, and be able to advise when the consultation exercise would take place.</p>	EMO
3	<p>Events Update In addition to the meeting notes previously circulated, Cllrs received verbal updates on the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE Day – Cllr Lightfoot reported that the format has been finalised and organisation is well underway. • St Winnolds – Cllr Westrop outlined progress so far highlighting that there is a shortage of horses available for the parade. The event will be enhanced by a medieval style fair and display in the clock room. She also extended a request for more Cllrs to come forward as stewards. • Music Festival – Cllr Lightfoot confirmed all is progressing well. • Local Heroes – Cllr Pickering reported that nearly all the awards now had supporters in place and plans are progressing well. <p>Upcoming events:-</p> <p>Commonwealth Day - Proposed Cllr Lightfoot Seconded Cllr Pickering All in favour “That for Commonwealth Day 9.3.20, town hall staff will be asked to raise the flag without ceremony.”</p> <p>Mayor’s at Home – will take place on Sunday 5.4.20 – TG liaising with Cllr Hayes to organise. <i>Update – change of date to Friday 3.2.20</i></p>	TG TG/BH

	St George's Day 23.4.20 – subject to feedback from local schools and this event going ahead, a small organising group will be convened.	EH/KS/ FD/CL
4	<p>Replacement for water festival</p> <p>After a review of ideas discussed at the previous meeting, it was agreed that Cllr Westrop would invite KL Pride to the next meeting to explore options including setting up a Downham Market and district Pride.</p> <p>Other suggestions included a beer/cider/gin festival, a community picnic, a community bike ride.</p>	JW KS to investigate beer festival idea
5	<p>Chinese New Year review</p> <p>Tina Griffin reported that the workshop and lion dance had been very much enjoyed by the children from DM primary schools, with approx. 140 taking part.</p> <p>She highlighted a particular issue with photography and school permissions which potentially also affects other events.</p> <p>Cllr Lightfoot expressed thanks you all those involved in organising and supporting the event.</p>	
6	<p>Suggested New Year Eve event</p> <p>Cllr Lightfoot outlined her idea for a family friendly NY Eve event (with quiet area/creche) in the Town Hall and asked for opinions.</p> <p>Cllrs were generally supportive subject to more investigation of costs and child care staff availability.</p>	CL
7	To agree the date of the next meeting – 2.3.20 at 5.30pm	