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Minutes

Meeting of : Events, Markets and Grants Sub-Committee
Date : 7 Oct 2024
Meeting held in : The Friary, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: S Charleston Vice: J Bolwell

Cllrs: C Corbin, J Nettle and P Sample

Also Present: Cllrs T Corbin and C Stanway

Officers: Sarah Gregson, Andrew Hunt, Mathew Hine and Asa Thorpe

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1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr J Broom and Cllr E Rimmer.

2. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by the public.

3. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

Two Question's where submitted by Cllr J Nettle, When will this committee discuss Christmas events for Salisbury 2024?

3.1. Matt Hine, Head of Business responded that the Christmas events plan will be shared with councillors of the council, Asa Thorpe, Chief Executive officer, added that while the focus will be on the financial aspects, the committee will be delivering a full Christmas program.

When will councillors of this committee receive a report on the new proposal for licensing of Areas of the Market place. Might this include other hospitality companies not located around the Market place to maximise the use of the Market place on non-Charter Market days?

3.2. Matt Hine responded that the proposal for licensing of the Market Place will be brought forward to Full Council, he also expressed his support for European markets, and other new opportunities.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Events, Markets & Grants Sub-Committee held on 8 July 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest.

6. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

7. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman made no announcements.

8. Stratford Social Club Review

Sarah Gregson, Head of Communities, and Dolly, representing the Stratford Road Social Club Committee, presented the *Stratford Road Social Club Improvement Plan Final Report*. The report highlighted significant progress, with the club on track to break even this year, marking a substantial improvement over the previous year. The club has successfully reduced costs and increased income, securing bookings for most weekends for the remainder of the year, and is even exploring hosting events such as weddings.

The Chair requested information on the potential financial implications for the council should the decision be made to take the club back under council management.

Councillors commended the club's efforts and the proactive attitude of the Stratford Road community in working towards financial stability. Following the presentation, it was:

Resolved to:

7.1. Approve the rent reduction for the remainder of the year with the condition that Stratford Road Social Club provide this committee with a monthly Profit and Loss report, with balance sheet, for September, October, November and December 2024 to enable monitoring of financial stability.

7.2. Note that if break-even or profitability is not achieved for January 2025 reporting, then the council would be advised to give notice on the property.

7.3. Request that the Monitoring-report submitted for January 2025 stands as a new application for Rent Reduction in line with the usual annual process and also speaks to the following.

7.3.1. Community Hires income.

7.3.2. Opening Hours for members.

7.3.3. Digital presence improvement.

7.3.4. Committee membership development.

7.4. Instruct officers to step back support for the club to the usual levels offered to all Rent Reduction Organisation.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston

Seconded by: Cllr C Corben

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

9. Grant Monitoring End of Project

Sarah Gregson, Head of Communities, presented the end-of-grant reports for both projects. The *Families Out Loud* program exceeded expectations, initially set for supporting 7 families, by successfully reaching and assisting over 24 families. Similarly, the *Age UK* initiative not only met its targets but also facilitated a diverse range of events across the city, contributing to its overall success.

Resolved to:

9.1. The committee noted the report.

10. Lottery Annual Summary Report

Sarah Gregson, Head of Communities, reported a minor decline in sales; however, the situation has since stabilized, thanks to partnerships with new companies and the effective social media efforts led by Charlotte Eardley.

Resolved to:

10.1. The committee noted the report.

11. Budget Monitoring committee reporting schedule 2024/25

Matt Hine, Head of Business, gave the committee a update on the Budget Monitoring committee reporting schedule 2024/25. The committee asked questions and it was:

Resolved to:

11.1. Notes the financial position at the end of August. 11.2. Acknowledge the Council's current financial position, support officers to comply with Financial Regulations and where necessary pause services where finances have been exhausted in year.

12. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

No matters were raised.

There were 1 members of the public and no press present.

The meeting closed at 7.36pm