

Seaham Town Council

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27th January, 2021

MEETING 2

PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY 2021

In accordance with Paragraphs 7 & 10(2) (b) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 I hereby summon you to attend a Meeting of the PARKS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE to be held online on TUESDAY, 27th January, 2021

Members of the press and public who wish to attend this meeting please email info@seaham.gov.uk to request the zoom login details.

Dianne Rickaby
Town Clerk

A G E N D A

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTEREST, PREJUDICIAL OR PERSONAL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

DECISION REQUIRED Accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, to conduct virtual meetings.

2. MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC'S REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE A GOOD MINERS SCULPTURE

A request has come in from a member of the public wanting the Council to look into a Miners Sculpture and has ideas that it should be made by the artist who created "Tommy". It was pointed out that Seaham already has "The Brothers" miners' sculpture but the member of the public was after something more three dimensional.

It may be prudent to put this on hold for the time being and after the pandemic consider whether there is an appetite for this and what the funding strategy would be such as a public fund campaign, internal or external funding or a mix of all three. It maybe that Councillors are happy with what we already have and want to see staff time and resources focussed on other things.

DECISION REQUIRED Members to provide instruction to the Deputy Town Clerk on how they want him to deal with the request.

3. OTHER VARIOUS ISSUES

As Members will recall there were many items updated on at the last Full Council meeting with regards to the current COVID19 situation and other Parks and Events issues being worked on. If the Deputy Town Clerk has any further updates on these, he will bring them to this meeting.

**DECISION
REQUIRED** Members to note any further updates provided.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

There are financial and health and safety implications with regards to items on this committee report particularly considering the current virus crisis. However, all risks have been minimised by careful risk analysis and consultations with industry experts. The majority of the issues in this particular report are low risk both from a financial and health and safety point of view and any risks follow industry best practice and guidance from the Health and Safety Executive. All larger events such as the Carnival and Fireworks Night are organised in partnership with the local Police, Fire brigade, Durham's Safety Advisory Group. Smaller events are risk assessed and managed internally. Thorough risk assessments are compiled, and inspections of the sites carried out prior and on the day of the events. Inflatables such as bouncy castles, big inflatable slides, walk in inflatable mazes etc are banned from council owned land due to the risk of injury however attractions that use for example inflatable sides for safety and protection as part of a larger non inflatable ride are allowed. Financial risk is reduced by the above reducing the risk of public and employee liability claims however the financial risk of an event not attracting large crowds due to poor weather conditions is always a problem in particular with free events.

**DECISION
REQUIRED** Members to note the information.

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MRS K BRACE, S P COLBORN, S CUDLIP, MRS S FORSTER,
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Grounds Maintenance Supervisor, Finance Officer, Senior Clerical Assistant,
Administrative Assistant, Information & Technical Assistant, Internal Auditor, File.