

GRANTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Events Committee

Thursday 27th February 2025

The Parlour, The Guildhall, St Peter's Hill, Grantham

Present	Cllr Elvis Stooke- Vice Chariman	
	Cllr Bruce Wells	Cllr Charmaine Morgan
	Cllr Paddy Perry	Cllr John Morgan
	Cllr Tim Harrison	Cllr Wayne Hasnip

Officers Present Anita Eckersley and Chloe Goswell

Other Councillors	Cllr Linda Jackson	Cllr Marie Reid
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Public 1 Member

E28 Welcome by the Vice Chairman

Cllr Elvis Stooke welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all members for attending.

E29 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence and reasons were received from Cllr Paul Stokes (Chairman), Cllr Steve Cunnington and Cllr Declan Gibbons. A member asked for it to be noted that there were no Labour representatives present.

E30 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest declared.

E31 Minutes for the 8 October 2024 meeting

Cllr Bruce Wells proposed the minutes as an accurate record, and this was seconded by Cllr Wayne Hasnip.

Agreed: Members voted and agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting.

E32 Bikers Easter Egg Run – 6th April 2025

The Clerk provided an update on the preparation of the event, confirmed the hall had been booked and the cadets had been contacted. The only thing outstanding was sourcing the Hot Cross Buns and Councillors to confirm if they were able to volunteer on the day.

Resolved:

- a) The Clerk to email all councillors to ask for volunteers.
- b) Cllr Tim Harrison to speak with Tuffies about a potential discounted price for Hot Cross Buns.

E33 Mid Lent Fair – 6th April 2025

The Clerk provided information on this event and confirmed it would be taking place on the same day as the Bikers Run. Councillors will be needed at both events.

Resolved: The Clerk to email all councillors to ask for confirmation on attendance.

E34 Proposed Freedom of Town for the Barracks

Discussion took place regarding Cllr Wells proposal and the committee agreed that the Draft Freedom of the Town Policy should go to the Governance Committee and then to Full Town Council before any plans could be made.

Resolved:

- a) The draft policy to be presented to the Governance Committee and then to Town Council for approval.
- b) More research to be undertaken on where and who the Freedom of the Town was to be awarded too.

E35 George Garrett – Bucket for Charity

Discussion took place on the financial implications of this proposal and suggestions were made on how Town Council could support the event but not run it.

Resolved: Cllr Linda Jackson to carry out more research and explore options for the event and then to return to the Events committee with a clear plan, Cllr Charmine Morgan to assist where possible.

E36 VE Day Celebrations – 8th May 2025

The Clerk explained why this matter was only now being discussed and gave details of SKDC plans to commemorate the anniversary. A discussion took place on what the Town Council could arrange for the town to commemorate. The following ideas were discussed:

- Flag to be raised followed by a coffee morning at the parlour
- Support the advertising of SKDC events
- Endorse a Civic Service at the Church, if there was one
- Public picnic in the park

Resolved:

- a) Research the cost for flags and bunting and gain approval from the Finance Committee for purchase.
- b) To hold a flag raising followed by a coffee morning in the parlour.
- c) The Clerk to speak to the church regarding the Civic Service and to also check that bunting is allowed on the outside of the Guildhall.
- d) Cllr Charmaine Morgan to research the possibility of a public picnic and to design VE Day posters for shop windows, with the cost being approved by Finance Committee before being undertaken.

E37 VJ Day Celebrations – 15th August 2025

Short discussion as the committee agreed the same celebration could be done for VJ Day as VE Day.

Resolved:

- a) Research cost for the flag and gain approval from the Finance Committee to purchase.
- b) Raise a commemorative flag followed by a coffee morning in the parlour.

E38 Event at Dysart Park

Cllr Linda Jackson informed the committee of her idea to host and run an event at Dysart Park to celebrate Volunteer Week. The committee agreed that it sounded like a good idea, but further research and planning was required and the cost of running an event must be determined before the proposal could be presented to the Finance Committee.

Resolved:

Cllr Jackson to undertake research into cost and further planning of the proposed event, Cllr Tim Harrison offered help with regards to contacts for insurance companies.

E39 German and Japanese Student Visits

The Clerk explained that a request had been received for exchange students to visit the parlour. The committee agreed that the visits could take place.

Resolved:

Visits to take place on the desired days and for the Clerk to email all councillors to ask for volunteers to be present to speak to the students in the parlour.

E40 Scouts Visit

The Clerk explained that a request had been received from the Scouts Leader to visit the parlour with two groups. The committee agreed that the visits could take place.

Resolved:

Visits to take place on the desired days and for the Clerk to email all councillors to ask for volunteers to be present to speak to the students in the parlour.

E41 Date of Next Meeting

Date suggested of either 17th or 18th March.

Resolved:

The Clerk to look at the calendar and check access issues with the Guildhall Box Office. Date to be emailed to Committee members.

Meeting ended 21:10