



ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Events Meeting of ASKERN TOWN COUNCIL held at Alexander House, High Street, Askern, Doncaster DN6 0AB on 12th September 2023 at 6:00pm.

Present - Councillors: Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr John Rowley & Cllr Isiasha John

In attendance – Anna Marsden (Town Clerk).

Mayor Cllr J Keeble welcomed all to the meeting and explained housekeeping. There were no agenda items to which the public or press were excluded.
No declarations of interests were received.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Noon, & Bennett and their reasons given for absence were APPROVED.
Apologies were not received from Cllr Harris.
2. The minutes of the Event's Meeting held on the 15th August 2023 were accepted for accuracy.
3. There were no points for discussion that wouldn't be covered by this meeting's agenda
4. The Community Sport's Day was discussed fully - the Council were happy to see a good number of people attend the day and have received lots of positive feedback. The Council discussed scheduling issues for the day and the lack of notices for which race was when. Due to the attendance the Council will now consider having more activities to fill the day / toileting facilities / food and drink stalls and an announcer. Overall the outcome was positive and the Council would like to hold another Community Sports Day next year, possible dates are 21st or 25th August 2024.
5. The Council APPROVED the cost of a generator for Council Events - £200.
6. The Council APPROVED that the cost of each pantomime ticket for Cinderella will be £4.00.
7. Askern's Firework Spectacular will be held on Friday 3rd November 2023 between the hours of 6 – 8pm and the Firework Spectacular will begin at 7pm.

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8.1 The Council met their donation target for 105 Lamp Post Poppies and extend their thanks to the residents of Askern for their generous donations. The Council will begin putting up the Lamp Post Poppies on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th October.

8.2 The annual Remembrance Services for Askern will take place as planned on the 10th and 12th of November and Reverend Hogger will officiate.

8.3 The Council agreed to meet on Remembrance Day at Askern Cemetery to place crosses on the Commonwealth War Veteran's graves. The Council will meet at 10:45am. Cllr G Gracey asked how many graves there were as he knew of 6. Cllr Keeble mentioned that online it says there are 7 grave site – the Council will check this before the day and know the location of each.

9. The Council decided that the Community Awards Night will take place on Friday 1st December and will be invite and adult only. Online nominations are open and people have begun nominating individuals. The Council discussed ways of opening up the nominations to those not online. They discussed putting posters up in the notice boards and around Askern, and asking community places like the Church Hall, Library etc. to hold voting cards. They Council will continue to consider this as plans develop.

10. It was APPROVED that the Meet Santa event will now take place on Sunday 10th December 11 – 2pm. Tickets for this event will be charged at £2.00 per child. There will be a morning session 11-12:30 and an afternoon session 12:30 – 2pm. The children will be able to meet Santa, received a gift and get their face painted, there will also be refreshments, arts & crafts and a pocket money toy stall. The Council APPROVED a budget of £200 for the advertisement of all these events. A combined poster and banner will be created and displayed for the Fireworks, Pantomime and Meet Santa events.

11. Cllr Jackson shared that he has been in touch with Doncaster Council regarding the Christmas street lights in Askern. He has informed them that some of the street lighting columns that Askern Town Council have paid to have infrastructure built into for the lights, have been removed or replaced. They informed Cllr Jackson that they will look into this. He also mentioned that he will be having a meeting with another company offering a festive lighting service, so the Council can compare prices and budget accordingly.

12. It was decided that the next Events Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday the 10th October at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 7:32 PM

Members of the Council

**Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr Cheri Bennett, Cllr George Gracey,
Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr Isiasha John, Cllr Thomas Noon, Cllr Alan Irvine,
Cllr John Rowley and Cllr Christopher Harris**