

Minutes of the Meeting of Bampton Fair Committee held on Wednesday 1st February 2023 5pm in the LARC building.

Present – Cllr. White (Chairman); Cllr. L. Bull; Tony Conway; Cllr. Fouracres; Tony Conway; Edward Tanner; Steve Caddy; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

1) Apologies and Acceptance for Absence: Cllr. N. Bull.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Council members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting.

3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting or any matters the public would like the Fair Committee to consider on a future agenda.

4) Minutes – the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5) Charter Fair final accounts 31/01/2023 -

Income: Stallholders/Donation/Fairground/Sponsorships £8,756.50

Expenditure: £9,320.76 nett of VAT. After allowing for grants from 2021 paid out in 2022 and with an estimated invoice yet to come from Mid Devon Council for rubbish removal, the estimated loss is

£503.86 See attached balance sheet.

Full expanded accounts are available on application to the Clerk.

Cllr. White to explain the reasons behind the deficit incurred at the 2022 Fair. The Council spent more money on advertising and entertainment, plus the hire of a marquee, with slightly less stalls coming in. Consider this is building from a firm base after recovery from covid.

6) Grant monies – unspent grant monies from the 2021 Charter Fair have all been used; explanation on the balance sheet attached.

7) Contract with Rotary – for discussion and updating. Rotary are discussing this at their next meeting. Cllr. L. Bull considers the Fair will be going forward in a business-like manner. Rotary numbers are falling and the demographic is ageing. Cllr. White suggests that any changes suggested by Rotary are then put on the March agenda, with a possible change from the 50/50 split of net profits. NB all profits are given out in the Bampton parish area in the form of grants. The Fair Committee are very grateful to Rotary for their huge commitment and involvement in past Charter Fairs'.

8) Charter Fair Lease – the lease with the Lord of the Manor to hold the Charter Fair concluded on the 16th October 2022. There is therefore a need to renew the lease as soon as possible. The Lord of the Manor is happy for the lease to continue for a further 10 years. Clerk to action.

9) Actions from the Open Meeting as noted in the December meeting – to agree to take these actions forward. March agenda.

10) Planning for the 2023 Charter Fair –

- i. Signage for the Crafts in the Church. There is room for improvement – all members to consider options and bring to the March meeting.

- ii. Stallholders must not be allowed to leave early using vehicles; this must be emphasised on the booking form. Clerk to action when drawing up the application forms.
- iii. To discuss the possibility of the temporary licence for alcohol to be in the Council's name so relieving the various individuals of having to apply. Clerk to check with licensing.
- iv. The mens toilets in the Riverside Hall were not fit for purpose on Fair day 2022 – to follow up with the Riverside Hall Committee. Clerk to action.
- v. The first aiders have been booked for 2023 – no entertainers booked yet; for discussion. Should now look for some new styles of entertainer. Book punch & judy as before. RPM do a 'slackline' – to be considered.

The next Committee meeting will be held on 1st March 2023 at 5.00pm.