

## Snodland Events – 28 February 2023

Attendees:	Gary Ellis (Snodland Brownies/Rainbows, Hazel Maynard (Army Cadets), Joanne Thompson (Nash Family Fun Fair), Mr Steve Cameron, and David Morgan (1 <sup>st</sup> Snodland Scouts), D Higgs, N Waller (Snodland Community Cricket Club) Mrs V Waller (Snodland Community Cricket Club)
Councillors present:	Mrs D Crook, P Hickmott, A Bennison, Miss V Lawrence and Mrs D King,
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs Helen Comber,
Apologies:	Cllr Mrs S Bell, Rev Danielle Pearson-Smith, Miss Trudi Allingham, Mr Roly Kinslow, Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, Helen Orme (WI) and Village Opticians

**Carnival**

1.	<u>Elect a Chairman</u>  Cllr Mrs Dilys Crook was elected Chairman of the Carnival Committee
2.	2.1 <u>Forward Planning for 2023</u>  Forms were distributed for the Carnival vehicular/walking floats and stalls. These are available from the Council Office and website and will be advertised on social media.
	2.2 <u>Date of event – Saturday 1 July 2023</u>
	2.3 <u>To consider any changes that need to be made or problems resolved</u>  Since the construction of the pump track the fair would need to be relocated to the opposite side backing onto the cemetery. The fair has downsized with no adult rides.  1 float has already signed up.  The army cadets struggled with the speed of the procession. It was suggested that the mayors car drive slightly faster and if necessary stopping at certain points rather than driving slowly.  The Scouts raised concerns regarding the number of burger stalls, however they were advised that the stall are open to any local groups.  Due to the success of lasts years event, it was agreed to continue with more stalls and no Arena events. There maybe a display on the pump track.
	2.4 <u>Volunteers</u>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers required for Road Closures</li> <li>• Army Cadets</li> <li>• Most members of the group will be involved with their own groups.</li> <li>• Steve Cameron to marshall the lorries into the car park.</li> <li>• There may be some members of Snodland Community Cricket Club.</li> <li>• Road closure marshalls are needed.</li> <li>• The CEO will create a schedule of the day, which will provide details of what volunteers would be required to do.</li> <li>• The Radio DJ was very popular last year and will contact him again this year to see if he can attend.</li> <li>• It was suggested contacting the football club to see if they would be participating.</li> </ul>
	2.5	<p><u>Early preparations:</u></p> <p>The Theme for the event was agreed as “Famous Charles”.</p>
3.		<p><u>Nominations for this Year’s Charity</u></p> <p>The following Charities were nominated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girl Guides (Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers)</li> <li>• Mens Mind Project</li> <li>• Snodland Bike Club</li> <li>• Pilgrims View</li> <li>• Army Cadets</li> <li>• Kent and Medway Partnership Trust (A new charity Hope, Heart, Health) support residents of Snodland that suffer with a number of different disorders including mental health and Dementia.</li> <li>• Tonbridge and Malling Dementia Friendly Society</li> </ul> <p>Any further nominations can be forwarded to the office and the final decision will be made by the Council at their next Amenities and Recreation meeting on 13 April 2023.</p>

## Fireworks

1.		<p><u>Elect a Chairman</u></p> <p>Cllr Paul Hickmott was elected Chairman of the Firework Committee</p>
2.	2.1	<p><u>Forward Planning for 2023</u></p>
	2.2	<p><u>Date of event – Wednesday 8 November 2023</u></p>
	2.3	<p><u>To consider any changes that need to be made or problems resolved</u></p> <p>Last years event went very well.</p> <p>Finances were looked at for this years event and they have been included in the council budget for 2023.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the number of visitors from outside of Snodland. Also concerns that this is a free event and the fund raising received was very poor considering the number of attendees.</p>

		<p>It was suggested that additional attractions could be brought in, however due to the confined space this is not possible.</p> <p>Additional buckets for the fairground and volunteers around the field.</p> <p>Card readers may be required as few people carry cash. Mr Ellis to look into this.</p>
	2.4	<p><u>Volunteers</u></p> <p>Required for the road closure and Bucket collections.</p>
	2.5	<p><u>Early Preparations</u></p> <p>The fireworks have been booked and a deposit paid.</p>

## Christmas

1.		<p><u>Elect a Chairman</u></p> <p>Steve Cameron was elected Chairman of the Christmas in Snodland Committee</p>
2.	2.1	<p><u>Forward Planning for 2023</u></p> <p>The issue of moving the event into the High Street was discussed, however it was felt that this was not feasible due to space and emergency access.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding the lack of music at the event and that no advanced warning was given by the Scouts that music would not be available.</p> <p>The Scouts advised that they would be unable to provide a sound system and music for 2023. Mr Ellis advised that he would speak to BT to see if electricity could be made available from the Exchange Building and the Army Cadets may be able to provide a sound system.</p> <p>It was also felt that the event did not feel “Christmassy” due to lack of decorations.</p> <p>More activities would help. The Bucking Reindeer was considered again to try and attract more people.</p>
	2.2	<p><u>Date of event – Saturday 25 November 2022</u></p>
	2.3	<p><u>To consider any changes that need to be made or problems resolved</u></p> <p>Santa’s grotto will be set up as normal.</p> <p>It was suggested advertising to say that Santa Finishes at 3.30pm so that then gives 45 minutes to run over.</p> <p>Advertising more to advise times when Santa is open.</p>

		<p>The Carol singing couldn't be heard. Bigger or additional microphone may be required.</p> <p>The CEO will investigate purchasing additional decorations to decorate the market. Additional signs to advertise the market.</p> <p>The ongoing problem of vehicles parked in the car park. Bigger signs and cones could be tried. There may be the possibility of having just a few more stalls in the additional spaces further up the car park.</p>
	2.4	<p><u>Volunteers</u></p> <p>Volunteers will be required to assist with the setting up of the gazebos.</p> <p>Volunteers to assist with the decoration of Santa's Grotto.</p> <p>The Army cadets volunteered their services.</p> <p>Present wrapping may also be required.</p>
	2.5	<p><u>Early preparations:</u></p> <p>Bookings of sleigh – Due to a last minute cancellation by the Wheel of Cuxton last year, it was agreed to approach Tunbridge Wells Rotary Club to provide a sleigh for 2023.</p> <p>Presents need to be counted to see if any more need to be purchased.</p>
3.		<p><u>Accounts to date</u></p> <p>The chairman advised that there is a current balance of £5023.81. Despite numerous letters being sent out for donations, none were received.</p> <p>Present stock needs to be verified for the next meeting.</p> <p>Volunteers may be required to wrap presents.</p>
4.		<p><u>Nominations for this year's Charities for Bucket Collection &amp; Lights for Life</u></p> <p>The following Charities were nominated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girl Guides (Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers)</li> <li>• Mens Mind Project</li> <li>• Snodland Bike Club</li> <li>• Pilgrims View</li> <li>• Army Cadets</li> <li>• Kent and Medway Partnership Trust (Hope, Heart, Health)</li> <li>• Tonbridge and Malling Dementia Friendly Society</li> </ul> <p>Any further nominations can be forwarded to the office and the final decision will be made by the Council at their next Amenities and Recreation meeting on 13 April 2023.</p>

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 23 May 2023  
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.