

Snodland Events – 20th February 2024

Attendees:	Joanne Thompson (Nash Family Fun Fair), Natalie Matthews, Cherie Adams (Snodland Town Football Club) Steve Cameron, Maria Ellison (Chairman Snodland Scouts), Helen Orme (WI) Tom Perry (Men's Mind Project), Gary Ellis (Snodland Brownies/Rainbows)
Councillors present:	S Loader, D Morgan, G Miners, D Lettington Mrs V Barker, Mrs J Ayers, Mrs D Crook
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs Helen Comber, Mrs Trudi Kinslow, Roly Kinslow
Apologies:	Cllr Mrs D King, Cllr Mrs S Bell. Cllr P Hickmott, Cllr W Mallard, Cllr A Bennison, Cllr Miss V Lawrence, Cllr Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf, Clare (3 rd Snodland Brownies), Chris Sharp (Army Cadets), Rev Danielle Pearson-Smith (All Saints with Christ Church),

To Elect a Chairperson

Cllr Mrs Vicky Barker was Elected

To Elect a Vice Chairperson

Cllr Mrs Jayne Ayers was Elected

To agree the minutes of the meeting held 19th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2023 were agreed as a true record.

To address the frequency of the meetings

Decision – to have a meeting every two months to discuss updates, actions taken & amendments needed.

To consider the need for volunteers/stewards to help manage the events

Decision – it was agreed to seek help from the schools, clubs, and businesses about helping at the events – Approach Holmesdale Invigilators ask Cllr Misy or Cllr Bell for help with this as they have connections to the school.

An email list for potential volunteers has been set up with clubs & school's details which will be sent out and posters have been created for social media and the website to enlist volunteers.

A meeting will be set up for volunteers to run through procedure of each position.

D Day – Thursday 6th June 2024

1.	Ideas for the Event
	To use the church & hall to have a free ticketed event for the older generation in the afternoon where lunch, refreshments and a film will be provided. The Church committee have agreed to let us use Christ Church and The Church Hall.

	<p>Contact the local groups & homes for the older generation to invite them to the event, target is 80 people as it's the 80th Anniversary, however the hall could comfortably seat 100 if necessary.</p> <p>To approach the local Fish & Chips shops (Andrews & Zeldas) to provide the food for the Event.</p> <p>To ask Snodland Partnership for a donation to fund the food (Fish & Chips, Popcorn & Ice Cream), for a new permanent fixed beacon.</p> <p>To seek volunteers to help at this event.</p> <p>To light the beacon at 9.30pm (in dog walking field) as a separate event, public to view from Potyns (Community centre or Football Club), with music situation in Snodland Town Football Club, Natalie Matthews has contact details for a singing couple, she will ask if they would be willing to perform.</p> <p>It was mentioned to have donation buckets at both events, and donations made to possibly go towards the church and/or British legion</p>
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Carnival – Saturday 6th July 2024

1.	Ideas for the Event.
	<p>It has been decided the parade will no longer be taking place.</p> <p>There will be no Arena, larger pitch sizes will be offered to those who want to do a demonstration on their stall.</p> <p>Asking all stalls to advertise what they do, not to just raise money for their cause as residents need to see who they are and what they do, this will also give the groups the opportunity to enlist more members.</p> <p>Looking into Local Singers, bands and DJ for the day, the Carnival fund to pay for this. Due to the unavailability of a stage, STFC to house the band on the raised area at the side of the clubhouse, and the DJ will be set up by the Community Centre.</p> <p>The times have been extended to start at 1pm and finish at 5pm as there is no parade, this gives more time for people to attend and the causes to make a profit.</p> <p>Volunteers are needed to help direct people to their stall spaces prior to the start of the event and for litter picking at the end of the event.</p> <p>The Fun fair was asked about wrist bands, however they don't do this as its not a Viable for them. The Fair would also prefer to be on the field rather than the carpark, however this would need to be looked at due to the limitations on space.</p> <p>To approach Bellyflops about inflatables.</p> <p>To amend to Stalls booking form, to clearly state without the certificate of insurance we are unable to allocated a stall space.</p>

	<p>The Football Club are looking at taking on the old school fun day ideas (Tug of war, Games etc) and getting the volunteers to cover this. To make it more family orientated.</p> <p>Suggestion of a small security team to cover “Martyn’s Law” in case this is in place at that time.</p> <p>Send Stall forms out as soon as possible, so we have an idea of numbers before the next meeting</p>
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Fireworks – Wednesday 6th November 2024

1.	To Consider Changes that need to be made/resolved.
	<p>Volunteers are needed for collecting donations at the entrance and for Road Closures at the end of the Fireworks.</p> <p>The football club have offered to lock their carpark and entrance onto the field to prevent people cutting across the field to see the fireworks instead of using the entrances with marshalls.</p> <p>Security will be booked for this event.</p> <p>The Community Centre have offered to put their outside lights on to help light up the area for the public.</p> <p>The fun fair has confirmed small rides are booked in.</p>

Christmas – Saturday 30th November 2024

1.	To consider changes that need to be made/resolved
	<p>The council have reviewed their objectives for Christmas in Snodland and decided they would like to move away from the Christmas in Snodland Event/Grotto due to lack of resources and concentrate on the light switch on.</p> <p>A new idea is to be considered for a Lantern parade from Potyns down to the High Street ready for the light switch on. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Cllr Bell has been in contact with a company who assist with the Lantern parade and a meeting has been set up to discuss the idea between Cllr Mrs Bell, the CEO, and the Company. There will be a fee for this service.</p> <p>The sleighs will be part of the parade. The Light switch on will be at 5pm to make sure its dark enough for the lanterns to stand out.</p> <p>The scouts will continue to hold their market event and will discuss taking over the Grotto at their next Scout event and report back. There are gifts in storage that can be donated if the Scouts decide to take over the Grotto. The market will still be included as part of the events meeting, so that it can be co-ordinated with the light switch on.</p> <p>The Fun Fair have offered to help with Christmas in Snodland with a ride or two at the end of the stalls.</p>

The date of the next meeting was set for **Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7pm**
There being no other business, the meeting closed at **20:00**