



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 Tuesday 12th November 2024.

Present - Councillors: Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Nichola Roberts, Cllr Francis Jackson, Cllr John Rowley, Cllr Mark Faulkner, Cllr Sharon Mitchell & Cllr Cheri Bennett.

In attendance – A. Marsden (Clerk)

Cllr Francis Jackson welcomed all to the meeting and explained housekeeping.

There were no agenda items to which the public or press were excluded.

No declarations of interest were received.

1. Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr J. Keeble.
2. The minutes of the Event's Meeting held on the 08th October 2024 were accepted for accuracy.
3. Items discussed from the minutes of the last Events Meeting
Item 4 – The Council discussed the Northern Soul Night; everyone was pleased with the feedback and the overall opinion was that it went well. There was a good number of people in attendance, however a few more people attending would be better. The next night will be on Friday 29th November.
4. The Council reflected upon the Firework Spectacular and were very pleased with the event. The response from the public was great and the event was well attended. The Council thank all of the volunteer stewards who attended on the night to ensure public safety.
 - 4.1 – The date for the 2025 Firework Spectacular will be Wednesday 5th of November.
 - 4.2 – It was decided that no changes will be made for the next firework spectacular at this time and further decisions will be made throughout the year, as detailed guidance comes out. The Council agreed they would continue to work with Doncaster Council's ESAG and work in line with Martyn's Law (when it becomes law) for our yearly events.
5. The Council was given an update on the number of pantomime tickets sold and asked that posters be sent to the local schools as well as tickets to; The Welfare, Askern DIY & Angling Shop and Special Occasions.
6. The Council discussed arrangements for the Christmas Market. Cllr Faulkner shared that the Markham Main Band had been booked for 1pm – 2pm - £200. He had also found a Grinch & Elf, who will interact with visitors to the market, between 12 – 1pm - £100. Cllr Roberts shared some ideas she had found, including a photo booth type of area, and some festive games that will be set up at the Council's gazebo.

7. It was shared with the Council that LITE had confirmed they would be putting up our festive lighting this year – this will be around the 1st of December and they will go up through the night. - £3,000.
- 7.1 – The correspondence from Doncaster Council regarding unmetered supply changes for 2025 was noted.
8. Cllrs Roberts & Mitchell explained that around 25 members of the public had attended the bus meeting at Alexander House and that they had gathered a lot of good information. It highlighted the failings of our current bus service and the significant negative impact the changes on the 8th of December will have.
9. It was decided that the next Events Meeting of the Council would take place on Tuesday the 3rd of December at 6:00pm.

The meeting closed at 6:58pm

Members of the Council

**Cllr Jake Keeble, Cllr Cheri Bennett, Cllr George Gracey, Cllr Francis Jackson,
Cllr John Rowley, Cllr Sharon Mitchell,
Cllr Nichola Roberts and Cllr Mark Faulkner**