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Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84224605135> at 6:30pm.

Members Present: Cllr. Milne, Vice Chairman,
Cllr. Ellicott, Cllr. Fraser, Cllr. Hancock, Cllr. Maw
Cllr. Rayner, Cllr. Ware and Cllr. Wood.
Also present: Mrs. D Taylor-Pitkin (Clerk)
Mrs. D Stanyon – Porlock Visitor Centre Manager
Mr. R Schmidt – member of the PVTA Committee

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Boden and Cllr. McCoy due to family commitments. Cllr. McCanlis gave apologies prior to the meeting due to work commitments but was able to attend from 19:22.

2. Declarations of Interest and Disclosable Pecuniary Interest Dispensations

Cllr. Rayner registered his interest due to being a local trader and Cllr. Milne also noted his interest as his wife is a employee of the Visitor Centre.

3. The PPC to review the PVTA proposal for a Christmas Shopping Weekend 28th – 29th November, stalls to be situated in the Old School Building Car Park. Following queries to be discussed:

Mrs Stanyon reported in response to the Covid-19 pandemic it would be unethical for the PVTA to proceed with the regular format for late night shopping. Following the feedback received from the survey the PVTA distributed in August it was proposed a Christmas Celebration Weekend would be more appropriate. Mrs. Stanyon stressed that the plan was in its early stages, but a number of local traders had been approached in order to garner their response. Details to be confirmed are as follows: stalls held within the Old School Building car park, Christmas themed displays etc... Of the 17 businesses approached with the loose principle of a Christmas Shopping Weekend, 14 were in approval with the remainder either not providing a comment or raised concerns on the knock-on effect to their own business.

Following a brief discussion between the PVTA representatives and the PPC it was clarified there are currently 26 traders within Porlock and not all had been approached. The PVTA representatives retired to the waiting room at 19:04 in order for the PPC to conduct their vote in confidence. *

Proposer: RM
Seconder: CW
7 Councillors APPROVED
1 Councillor ABSTAINED

Approval was confirmed with the caveat that the stalls are not in direct competition with any of the local traders currently within Porlock and confirmation that all traders have been consulted.

4. The PPC to review the PVTA proposal in principle for a farmer's market to be held on a regular basis at the Old School Building grounds owned by the PPC.

Mrs. Stanyon stated this proposal is subject to further clarity but it was necessary to confirm the PPC stance on the subject prior to proceeding with the investigation. The planning for this item is still in the early stages and therefore the opinion of the local traders has not yet been sought.

The PVTA representatives retired to the waiting room at 19:13 in order for the PPC to conduct their vote in confidence. Following a brief discussion the PPC made the following proposal:

The PPC will agree in principle to support the PVTA in researching the potential appetite within Porlock for a regular Farmers Market to be hosted at the Old School Building Car Park, once a response has been received to the following caveats:

- i. Confirming the success of the Christmas Shopping Weekend
- ii. Provision of further research and details
- iii. Clarity on how the Farmers Market can improve the trading environment for the current Traders on the High Street.

5. The PPC to APPROVE the formation of a sub-committee to manage the Climate Emergency Community Fund.

- i. PPC to elect a sub-committee Chairman

Proposer: Cllr. Ware

Seconder: Cllr. McCanlis

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- ii. PPC to APPROVE the appointment of Councillors and representatives of members of the public to staff committee.

Councillors: Cllr. McCanlis

Cllr. Maw

Cllr. Ware

Cllr. Wood

Members of

The Public: Mr S Coulson

Mr M Lawrence

Mr R Schmidt

Mrs R Walker

Proposer: Cllr. Hancock

Seconder: Cllr. Fraser

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There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:40.

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14th October 2020 **Vice-Chairman**

* Cllr. Rayner requested a named vote, details available upon request.