

WINSFORD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Events Committee** held in the WTC Chamber, Wyvern House on **Tuesday 21st April 2026**.

PRESENT

Councillors Fitzsimmons (Chair), Mellor, and Newton.

ALSO PRESENT

Members of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr M Bailey (Town Clerk)

Mrs S Rossington (Events Manager)

Mrs E Haspell (Administrative/Civic Officer)

1	APOLOGIES	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Daniels.
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	No declarations of interest were raised by Members.
3	OPEN FORUM	There were members of public present at the meeting, but no issues were raised.
4	MINUTES – 24TH FEBRUARY 2026	The Committee noted the minutes from the last Events Committee meeting held on the 24 th February 2026.
5	MATTERS ARISING	The following matters were raised. • Parkrun – it was reported that this was still ongoing – to be held along the Weaver Parkway. • Lessons Learned ○ Good Friday Balls 2026 ▪ It was agreed that the location was good, but that footballs need to be sourced for the next event. The colour purple was also requested for 2027. Next year's dates were agreed as 26th March 2027. ○ Easter Event 2026 ▪ It was agreed that the event went well, but that the timings may need to be reviewed. Next year's dates were confirmed as 27th March 2027. ○ Oscars 2026 ▪ Event generally went well, except for some audio-visual issues. ○ Winsford Decides 2026 ▪ Event went well generally, but the method of voting will be reviewed to allow use of ballot papers and/or

		electronic voting. Also some issues with people entering the event – need more staff on duty.
6	ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE EVENTS COMMITTEE	The Committee considered the following items. <i>Budget Tracker 2025-26</i> Members noted the information in the tracker up to the end of the 2025/26 financial year. <i>Budget Tracker 2026-27</i> Members noted the budget tracker for 2026/27 – this includes new events, with the Armed Forces Day to be added. <i>Remembrance Sunday 2026</i> Members considered the arrangements for the event on 9th November 2026. The following issues were considered. • To hold consultation on the inclusion of a parade as part of the event and to consult on the route of the parade to ensure safety of those taking part. • To approach as many potential bands as possible. <i>Disability Pride Month 2026</i> Members considered the Disability Pride Month in 2026, which will take place in July 2026. The following was agreed. • Promotion of Disability Pride Month via the Council's website and social media platforms. • Display of the Disability Pride Flag during July. • Engagement with local community or disability organisations, where appropriate. • Review of accessibility considerations for Council-supported events. <i>2026 Events</i> Members considered updates on the following events. • Movie Night 2026 – Members agreed that options for a movie would be considered and that the event would take place in July/August 2026. • Party in the Park 2026 – it was agreed to have different zones for the event which cover food, music and other attractions, including a bouncy castle. It was further agreed to keep to previous timings. Further meetings will take place with Parabellum about stalls and locations of stalls. Members also asked that entertainment is arranged.

		- Armed Forces Day – it was reported that contact had been made with various organisations, but it was proving difficult to secure attendance due to other events taking place elsewhere on the same day. Further updates will be provided when available. - Water Festival 2026 – Members noted that the event was being arranged. Water testing has been investigated and awaiting responses from different organisations. Members asked that contact is made with youth organisations to encourage applications from younger people. - Salt Fair 2026 – the event will take place on Town Park. Members agreed to use of the former GGO gazebo at the event to allow inclusion of initiatives aimed at encouraging local artists. Members also asked that market is held at the Guildhall. - Christmas Festival 2026 – it was agreed to hold the event from 3pm-8pm. Members asked that a choir is included in the event and that this opens the event from 3pm onwards. It was also agreed to include various musical acts and to have the lantern parade as part of the event. <i>Winsford Decides 2026</i> Members noted the following awards for Winsford Decides 2026 and RECOMMENDED approval by Council. - Darnhall School – £200.00 - Let's Farm – £4,035.70 - NMC – £2,509.82 - Wharton Allotments Association – £612.00 - St Luke's – £5,000.00 - Parkrun – £950.00 - Men in Sheds – £1,052.75 - Winsford Community Pride – £2,501.13 - Winsford & District Angling Academy – £5,000.00 - Trinity Methodist Church – £1,265.00 - Green Uniform and Baby Collective – £1,200.00 - The Winsford Litter Project – £673.60
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	Members considered the following items. Subways – to review the decoration of the subway as undertaken by WTC in conjunction with the local college.
8	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The date of the next meeting will be agreed at the Annual Town Council meeting on 18th May 2026.

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