

Downs Committee
Matters Arising Events & Finance Sub Group Meeting
9th January 2019 at 3.00 pm

Below is a precis of matters that were discussed at the Events and Finance Sub-Group. Note that confidential items discussed within this group cannot be published. For Events, Maintenance and Finance updates see their respective reports in this pack.

Finance

Bristol City Council's contribution to the Downs Committee would continue to be reduced with the aim of the latter being self-funding from next year onwards. The figures would be correlated as required to match as closely as possible the costs associated with events. It was agreed that a purchase order for Mandy Leivers for £7,500 can now be raised. Any underspend at the year end is to be moved to the Downs Reserve. If internal transaction thresholds prevent this then as an alternative a further commitment to Mandy Leivers for 2019 can be accrued up to the threshold value.

Proposed Future Events 2018

The Events and Finance Sub Group met on Wednesday 9th January 2019 and discussed a number of applications for proposed events on the Downs in relation to Bristol Pride, Team Love, Glow in the Park and a proposed fireworks display. Between now and the next full committee meeting the following events are due to take place:

- Funderworld will be returning to the Downs in 2019. They will set up 25th March to 4th April 2019. The event will run 5th to 28th April 2019. Breakdown dates will be 29th April to 3rd May 2019.
- NEW event Glow Run is a running event where partakers make their way around a lit circuit, beginning at dusk. The set up date is 11th April 2019. The event will take place on 13th April 2019. The breakdown will happen on 14th April 2019.
- A full 2019 event schedule will be produced as an appendix (exempt as it contains commercially sensitive information) in the Events report for the Downs Committee

Agreed Addition To The Previous Set of Events and Finance Group Minutes (13th November 2018) – Ice Cream Tender

The following update was agreed to be made to the minutes of the above meeting.

1. The Downs Committee are giving permission (under the byelaw) for permission to trade on the three existing pitches (stating any conditions that might apply).

2. The Merchant Venturers will need to give permission to trade as land owners for the pitch on Observatory Road and are happy with the conditions approved by the Downs Committee.

Installation of Two New Lighting Units to the Observatory

It was noted that permission was being sought from Historic England and Natural England for the above. A report would be submitted to the Downs Committee on 28th January 2019.

Funderworld

The organisers had expressed concern at the loss of income at the 2018 event due to adverse weather conditions.

Café Sea Walls – Planning Application

This had now been submitted. It was anticipated it would go to Bristol City Council's Development Control Committee in February 2019.

Zoo Parking Parameters

A formal request had been made about the zoo requesting a meeting to discuss proposals for future arrangements beyond 1st April 2019. Further detail would be provided at the forthcoming Downs Committee, following which there would be further guidance at the subsequent Events and Finance Sub Group. Legal advice was being sought concerning a recent Freedom of Information request made by the zoo.

Ice Cream Tender

A tender invoice had now been received. Whilst the tendering process had been delayed, it was not anticipated that this would affect the commencement target date of 1st April 2019.