

Downs Committee
Matters Arising Events & Finance Sub Group Meeting
27th February 2019 at 11.15am

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

No finance issues were discussed at the meeting.

Team Love Event

Tony Kenny confirmed that, following further negotiations, the decision agreed by the Sub-Group was that this should be a two-day event in 2019.

During discussion, Team Love made the following points:

- (1) On Sunday, finishing time would be at 9pm
- (2) The same team that had operated in previous years would be operating this year which would help to ensure the continued very good relations with local residents was maintained.
- (3) Local meetings, such as with the Sneyd Park Residents Association which had taken place in previous years, would be arranged and would help to explain how controls on noise levels would operate. There would also be discussions as required concerning the layout. Discounted ticket sales for residents would be on offer as before
- (4) Each day would be marketed separately as each was geared to a different audience. The announcement of the band for Saturday would be made on 1st March 2019 and for the Sunday would be made on 8th March 2019.

Tony Kenny acknowledged that there needed to be very early engagement for this event in future years to ensure the maximum success for all parties.

Various Other Issues

The Events and Finance Sub Group met on Wednesday 27th February 2019 and agreed terms of fees for Team Love.

Ice Cream Tender – Francis Greenacre reported that bids were closed for this tender which included a requirement for silent generators and only three of the original four sites (ie not

Ladies Mile). The Sub-Group noted that moderation would take place on 5th, 6th and 7th March 2019. It was agreed that Francis Greenacre and one other Sub-Group member (either Tony Kenny or Jonathon Baker) would attend for the beginning of the moderation session at 12pm on Tuesday 5th March 2019.

Bristol Pride – It was noted that Bristol Pride had accepted the Sub-Group’s proposal from 9th January 2019 and it was confirmed that the Merchant Venturers would be making a charitable donation of £1,000 towards its costs.

Glow in The Park – It was noted that this event had now moved to Ashton Court.

Installation of Two New Lighting Units to the Observatory – Ben Skuse advised that a meeting had not yet taken place between him, Francis Greenacre and the owner of the observatory concerning this issue.

Sea Walls Café – Councillor Don Alexander reported that a new planning application with the roof terrace having been removed had been submitted and would be considered by Development Control B Committee on 13th March 2019. Councillor Peter Abraham noted that, as this was a new planning application, details should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Zoo Parking Parameters – Councillor Don Alexander noted that there had been two long and robust sets of discussions with representatives of the zoo on this issue during which they had been made aware of the Downs Committee’s view concerning future parking arrangements. It was noted that the zoo would be drawing up a strategy for the next five years. Consultants for the zoo had looked at the temporary car parking site and given them an assessment of the estimated costs.

Blackboy Hill Urinal - Councillor Don Alexander advised that it was proposed that gates are provided for these urinals and installed at a cost of £3,000. It was noted that there was currently no planning permission. Discussions would be taking place with Ben Skuse concerning the terms under which they were re-opened. One option was for the urinal to be kept open during the day but to be locked at night. Since there had been extensive lobbying from taxi drivers for the urinal to be open at night, it might be possible to provide a key for their use, perhaps with a specially procured padlock for security purposes.

Rubbish on the Downs - It was noted that an article concerning rubbish on the Downs would be published on Thursday 28th February 2019 in the Bristol Post.