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Community Services Committee Meeting – 17th April 2023 – 18:00 hours

To: Members of the Community Services Committee:

Councillors Birch (Chair), Holland-Delamere (Deputy Chair), Ashraf, G Eales, T Eales, Fuchshuber, Hallam, Hibbert, Ismail, Lane, Marriott, and Soan

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Community Services Committee of Northampton Town Council to be held at Northampton Town Council Committee Room on Monday 17th April 2023 at 18.00 hours.

This committee meeting is open to the public and press to attend and those attending the meeting shall be informed that it is being recorded. Public participation is in accordance with the Town Council's public participation policy. Members of the public wishing to take part or ask a question of the committee are required to contact the Town Clerk in advance.

Cc'd electronically to all other councillors for information

Stuart Carter
Town Clerk
11th April 2023

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the last meeting held and ask questions as to the progress of any items
Minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2023 not attached (sent out with Council agenda on 20th March). Please see link to the committee minutes below:
<https://www.northamptontowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/community-services-minutes-2023-02-27.pdf?v=1680617238>
4. To receive the minutes from the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 24th March 2023 for consideration and their recommendations – to follow

5. **To receive the minutes from the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 12th April 2023 for consideration and their recommendations – to follow**
6. **Coronation Celebrations – report attached** (p3 to p5)
7. **Events and Projects Update – report attached** (p7 to p9)
8. **Wall Games Project – report attached** (p11 to p12)
9. **Bleed Kits Project – verbal update to be given**
10. **Consideration of the Bradlaugh Riot Exhibition project – report attached** (p13 to p15)
11. **COVID 19 Memorial Installation at Becketts Park – verbal update to be given by the Chair**
12. **The Cultural Compact partnership– verbal update to be given by the Chair**
13. **Items for consideration for the next agenda**

Coronation Celebration Update

Written by the Events Team

Name of Event/ Project	Date of Event/ Project	Update
<p>Coronation Celebrations:</p>		
<p>All Saints Church Service</p>	<p>Sunday 30th April</p>	<p>Interfaith Church Service now confirmed to take place at 6:30pm on Sunday 30th April at All Saints - approximately 700 invitations have been sent out.</p>
<p>Coronation Art Competition</p>		<p>A countywide Coronation Art Competition is being planned, the Arts and Heritage Group within the Lieutenancy are working on this project which will attract children of all ages to take part.</p>
<p>NTC Community Festival</p>	<p>Saturday 6th May</p>	<p>The NTC Coronation Celebrations Community Festival will take place on Saturday 6th May from 10am to 4pm (<i>times TBC after official confirmation from the Palace</i>) To celebrate this momentous event, our residents are invited to come together with friends, family and the local community to mark this historic occasion and join us for the first of three days of national celebrations. The schedule of activities will include live stage entertainment from community groups and local performers, children’s activities and collaborative workshops, roaming entertainers and morris dancers, local street food stands and seating area as well as live coverage of the Coronation on big screens both on street and inside Northampton Museum’s Central Hall.</p> <p>In partnership with Northampton Museum, local crafters are being invited to knit or crochet Coronation flowers in red, white and blue, to decorate Guildhall Rd in the lead up and for the Coronation Festival. Patterns and further information can be found on the website. The flowers will be installed in the street trees on Guildhall Rd and on the lampposts.</p> <p>NTC is working with local organisations/businesses and in partnership with West Northants Council, Northampton BID, Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, The Performing Room, 78 Derngate, local organisations and venues.</p> <p>Officers are reviewing quotes for infrastructure and activities with a schedule for the day in preparation for release. Associated partners will detail their involvement and offering on the day to be included in the event description and listings.</p> <p>Plans, subject to permissions and installation review, include decorating Guildhall Road lampposts and street furniture with Coronation flags and drapes in the lead up to the event. Officers are working with Tangerine Red to assess how large flags can be safely installed on lamppost banner equipment already in place.</p> <p>Workshops and Children’s Activities Update/Review:</p>

- **Wildflower Seed Ball Making - The Wild Tribe Courtyard, Vulcan Works, Guildhall Rd**

Local nature-based workshop company, *The Wild Tribe*, have proposed the below activity to promote biodiversity and sustainability in line with the King's passion for the natural world and projects taking place by NTC's Climate change forum. *For adults and children.*

Using natural clay, soil and a variety of native wildflower seeds, participants will enjoy creating their very own seed bombs with this sensory and satisfying workshop. Seed ball, paper bag, wildflower identification poster and Coronation/Biodiversity literature for every participant. Using natural clay, soil and a variety of native wildflower seeds, participants will enjoy creating their very own seed bombs with this sensory and satisfying workshop.

£795.00 – Costs include: Materials and equipment for craft [Approx. 300 participants], decorations and bespoke signage leading to activity, signage and literature promoting seed ball planting at St Katherine's Gardens, staffing/facilitators for the day, full risk assessment and insurance provisions.

Added extra for consideration: Apple Bird Feeders - British Bird spotting factsheet for all participants and QR code for further learning and online activities. Participants will create a fully edible hanging bird feeder that can be hung in gardens or local natural, community spaces such as St. Katherine's. Using British apples, whole peanut butter and a variety of seeds, participants will learn how their bird feeders can attract and sustain a wide range of native birds - **£445.00**

Roaming Entertainers and Street Activities Update/Review:

- **Maypole, Period Musicians and Reenactors Street Entertainment**

To be Paid by NTC: *Preparation and on-site management £1275. Maypole, ribbons and dressing inc installation, supply and delivery. £600. Total - £1875*

To be Paid in partnership by Northampton BID: *Musicians - period musicians for the Maypole £500. Reenactors - group of C17th reenactors to rove the neighbouring streets, dance around the maypole, entice people into the party £500 – Total: £1000*

Legacy/Documentation of the Coronation Update:

Proposal from photographer Stu Vincent: **Northampton Prepares For The Coronation** - Documentation of how *Northampton Prepares* for the Coronation and photographs of the Coronation Celebrations taking place over the bank holiday weekend.

1. Photographs taken to illustrate a daily bulletin on the Town Council social media of how Northampton is getting ready for the Coronation
2. If there are historic/archived photographs of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation we could try and replicate some of those as we did for the Proclamations (see below)
3. In the run-up I could take photographs w/ending 28th April for a social media bulletin on Monday 1st May
4. **Northampton Prepares...** photographs could include:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dressing the town ahead of the celebration ➤ Visiting schools who might be planning a Celebration or taking part in the Community Festival on Guildhall Rd (Note: CRB checked and details can be supplied) ➤ Visiting community groups who will be holding stalls/activities at events ➤ Some ‘Behind the scenes’ preparation by emergency & support services as well as acknowledging those planning and co-ordinating ➤ Pictures of the Mayor talking to those preparing the town ➤ This is not an exhaustive list....feel free to add your ideas too. <p>Total cost: £200</p> <p>For photographic services over the Coronation Weekend 6th-8th May in and around Northampton Day-by-Day/Event Breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday 6th May - Community Festival, Guildhall Road & environs. Expected 7-8 hours: £300.00 • Sunday 7th May – various local community events & celebrations – locations to be confirmed. Expected 5-6 hours: £250.00 (Mileage absorbed into cost quoted) • Monday 8th May – The Big Help Out, St. Katherine’s Gardens Expected 2-3 hours: £175.00 <p>All three days – Total: £675.00</p>
Coronation Celebrations: Big Help Out	Monday 8 th May	<p>The notion of ‘The Big Help Out’ encourages people to try volunteering for themselves, to support the local area and create a lasting volunteering legacy from the Coronation Weekend within the community. Therefore, on Monday 8th May, a collaboration of volunteers from Northampton Town Council, Northampton Bid, The Royal British Legion and local businesses will join forces to improve St Katherine’s Gardens.</p> <p>The theme for the space is influenced by the King’s passion for sustainability, biodiversity and the natural world. Volunteers will plant sustainable plants (perennial plants that last all year round), flower beds will be pruned to encourage the growth of existing wild flowers and a general tidy up of the land will happen on the day. Veolia have been booked to clear the site prior to volunteers assisting.</p> <p>Early plans subject to permissions, also include the addition of sustainable planters, wild grass and flower areas, seating and the addition of a floral/wellbeing mural to enhance the area. The mural is designed by Northamptonshire artist Sarah Hodgkins, will include a quote by local poet James McInerny and will be painted with assistance from Northampton University and College students.</p>

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Community Services Committee 17th April 2023

Events and Projects Update

Written by the Events Team

Name of Event/ Project	Date of Event/ Project	Update
Bands in the Park	16th April – 24 th September	<p>The full Bands in the Park programme is confirmed and complete including every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday (from 16th April to 24th Sept). Through sponsorship from The Park Café - Abington Park, two additional dates have now been added to the calendar: 16th April and 24th Sept. The 2023 lineup features a variety of bands, singers and musicians; performances will take place between 2pm and 5pm.</p> <p>The calendar listings can be viewed and downloaded from the NTC website and Whats On page. Promotional banners have been installed at the bandstand and on the park roadside board, leaflets have been produced for distribution and a press release will be circulated. Social Media assets have been created to promote the event/performers each week.</p> <p>To house accessible storage for chairs for performers, a trunk is being custom made and installed to sit discreetly in the hedge row at the back of the bandstand with easy access for performers with coded padlock. Local metal works company, <i>J&S Potter Ltd</i>, will supply, deliver and install the truck (<i>for durability, security and longevity, this will be made from 2mm steel, with powdercoat paint finish that will match the bandstand - £965.00</i>) The existing supply of chairs have been assessed and will be utilised again for 2023.</p> <p>After review, this option was the most cost effective and most efficient over recruiting event partners to deliver/collect chairs each week.</p>
St George's Day	23 rd April	<p>St George's Day will be celebrated in Northampton in the Guildhall Courtyard and outside the Guildhall on Sunday, 23rd April between 10am and 2pm.</p> <p>Celebrations start at 10am with the raising of the St George's flag and a speech by the Mayor.</p> <p>Between 10am and 2pm, children can create their own dragon out of recycled materials in the Guildhall Courtyard, with help from nature-based workshop company the Wild Tribe, who will be accompanied by an actor telling the story of George and the Dragon. Kids entertainers Zoo Mania will also be offering free face painting.</p> <p>The Rose and Castle Morris Dancers will perform by the Guildhall steps from 11am to 12.30pm and there will also be a chance to meet St George and a giant dragon puppet, which will parade rough the town centre from outside the Guildhall, to Fish Street and Abington Street.</p> <p>Visitors can also follow the Notable Northamptonians trail, to discover more about remarkable residents who have contributed to Northampton's cultural heritage from the past to the present day. A trail map is available to download on the Town Council's website or available on the day.</p>

EID Festival	30th April	<p>Officers and Stage Right Productions have been working with the EID Management Group to support in the event planning. Quotes for infrastructure, logistics and event management have been confirmed and approved by EMG.</p> <p>The performers line up and schedule is to be confirmed and announced after review from the group; Daisie-Belle will host the event and stage. Children’s activities, display vehicles, stall holders and food vendors are booked including local organisations/charities/community groups.</p> <p>Marketing is underway via Social Media platforms, leaflets/posters and a press release has gone out. The event will take place at Becket’s Park from 12 – 6pm.</p> <p>Currently over budget at £10,560.92 – request for additional funds to be utilised as per Policy and Finance Committee Meeting on 13th March – Minute no.58: Unspent EID Festival funding from the 22-23 event budget can be earmarked and carried forward into the next financial year 23-34.</p>
Ukraine Art Exhibition: ‘This War Painted’	3 rd to 18 th June	<p>Ukrainian artists have curated an exhibition of paintings which portrays the stories and experiences of a war-torn country.</p> <p>The debut display of the exhibition will be held at Northampton Museum & Art Gallery this Summer, in partnership with Northampton Town Council.</p> <p>34 paintings will feature in the exhibition, and a film of Ukraine at war/ artists telling their stories of painting their experiences. The film is in editing stage with Inesa, at Golden Time Talent. The next steps are for officers to create labels and sort layout/lighting.</p> <p>Preview- 2nd June 6.30-8pm, invites to follow.</p>
Women’s Cycle Tour	8 th June	<p>The Women’s Cycle Tour has been cancelled by event organisers <i>Sweetspot</i> due to the lack of a main sponsor for 2023. WNC, partners and stakeholders have put all plans on hold.</p> <p>Tom Burns, NTC’s representative for the Tour’s planning groups, fed back that all the event plans discussed prior to cancellation were very positive with great ideas for participation. Potential to still utilise NTC’s ideas and activities if the event was to be held in the future and possibly include these initiatives in other events/projects going forward in connection with the Climate Change Forum.</p>
Northampton County Beer Festival	2 nd & 3 rd June	<p>NTC’s funding allocation for Northampton County Beer Festival will be paid directly to the event organiser, <i>Beer Festivals UK</i>, to support with staging infrastructure and live production costs.</p> <p>Tickets are selling well and interest is positive - further promotion planned in the coming weeks – Brewers have been announced as well as the</p>

		stage/band line up with more event details due to come. NTC will share the event on Social Media platforms and via press release. All event documentation has been filed with WNC/ESP.
Northampton Carnival	10 th June	The Northamptonshire Safety Advisory Group to meet by the end of April to discuss the event in detail.
Windrush 75	22 nd June	<p>NTC were successful in the National Lottery All Awards bid to support the multi partner Windrush 75 event taking place on 22nd June 2023 The bid funding of £4900 has secured the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a rolling steel drum band (£1200) • 4 x local Caribbean food suppliers (at £300 each) • a budget of £2500 to procure and print a brochure (A+R Media and Tangerine Red) to support the event as well as on going events in Northampton. <p>The Mayor will be raising the Windrush Flag at 12:00 on the 22nd June, with brief speeches outside of the Guildhall before the rolling steel drum band will lead spectators and dignitaries to the Museum and Art Gallery where there will be speeches, food and the launch of the Northampton Windrush 75 exhibition. There is a performance at the Royal and Derngate at 3pm on the day, and the official Windrush Service taking place at the New Testament Church of God on College Street on the 25th June.</p> <p>NTC have partnered with WNC, Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, the University of Northampton, the Royal and Derngate and the New Testament Church of God on College Street, who are all attending a working group alongside the community in Northampton to map out the day's activities, as well as longer term activities such as workshops, lectures and events which many partners have applied for funding for through various channels.</p> <p>All actions have been completed for NTC's involvement for the event, aside from invites and the brochure, where meetings will be taking place with the working group and A+R media to ensure the publication date of 22nd June 2023.</p>

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Project Proposal – April 2023 – Community Services Committee 17th April 2023

Wall Games Project

Report by Assistant Town Clerk – Julie Thorneycroft

Purpose of report: To update the committee on the Wall Games project 2023.

Recommended: That the committee consider the report and decide on the approach they would like to take going forward.

James Thompson approached NTC Events Team at the end of February to request a meeting to discuss ideas/thoughts with regard to the Wall Games organisation holding their annual event in the town centre during the weekend of 26th August 2023. The Wallgames event has been supported both financially and through additional resources by NTC for the past two years.

An online meeting was held with James and Leon Denton (street artist) on 22nd March, James updated on the progress of the project to date. The successes of the project (art has been generally respected and appreciated) and failures (the amount of officer time to assist the project and the subsequent extensive clean-up campaign that was required) were discussed. The outcome of the meeting was as follows:

- James was advised to check with WNC the availability of hoardings in the St Peters Way area
- NTC to think about local themes they would like to see depicted in the wall art project 2023
- NTC to consider the likely level of sponsorship for the project

On Monday 27th March an email was received from Wall games which confirmed the following:

That due to a lack of access to the Mayorhold car park, Emporium way, Roadmender, and also St Peters way meant there would be insufficient space to put on a comparable wall games event to previous years. A lack of time to organise the event with most of the artists was also highlighted as a problem. Due to these factors Wall games had decided to *“pause the event indefinitely with a view the project could be revisited with the council/s in future”*.

Wallgames took the step to post on their social media that the event for 2023 was cancelled, the post received over 92 disappointed comments. Subsequently Northampton Town Council were requested to provide a response by the media and we were able to confirm the following:

“Northampton Town Council is disappointed to hear that the organisers of the Wallgames project have decided to cancel this year’s event. The Town Council has funded and supported the project for the past two years and we were proud to do this and give the opportunity to artists to showcase their work in the town. The artwork created added to the town and we know people travelled to come and see it.

Chair of the Community Services Committee, Cllr Jane Birch said, “Wallgames has been a popular project in the town, and we were disappointed to hear of its cancellation. As a town council we have

contributed significant resource in the past to making it happen and we hope that we can work with the organisers again in the near future”.

On 30th March a further email was received from Wallgames asking if NTC & West Northants Council could agree a set of spaces then the Wall games organisation thought it might be possible to run an event this year. Wallgames went on to suggest areas - Market square, Emporium way, Mayorhold and Abington street and asked if It could also be possible to erect temporary hoarding using existing council contractors to add additional central locations to keep the event within a manageable footprint.

Please note any decision on location will be subject to approval by WNC.

Proposed Visit of the ADP Tour to Northampton Market Square to coincide with the 150th Anniversary of the October 2024 Election Riot.



James Cauty, the creator of the ADP Tour, is an influential artist and musician, best known for his role in the **KLF** in the 1990's and a founder of **The Orb**. If permission is granted by the council he is happy for the ADP to revisit Northampton's market square next year for the 150th anniversary of the 1874 Northampton Election Riot.

In collaboration with a small group of model makers, in 2013 he created the **Aftermath Disclosure Principle**, a 1.87 scale city scape set somewhere in Bedfordshire. The ADP toured the Netherlands and in 2015 it featured at **Banksy's Dismaland**. In 2016 the model was shoe-horned into a 40 ft shipping container and visited over 35 sites of historical rioting in the UK, including Northampton. The plan was for the container to be located at the scene of the 1874 market square riot. However, the visit coincided with the 2016 Brexit referendum and local bylaws preventing any politically

related events. NBC was obliged to cancel these arrangements at short notice and the container spent two days in the car park of the Super sausage Cafeteria.

Charles Bradlaugh was a leading 19th century radical and social reformer. He was a popular visitor to Northampton and first stood for election here in 1868 after the local Liberal party establishment refused to consider him as one of their candidates. This resulted in him standing as a Radical candidate, triggering a split and long running and bitter dispute amongst liberal supporters. There were libellous and savage personal attacks on Bradlaugh's character and personal morality, mostly as a result of his well-known secular views.

The Northampton Election Riot of 6th October 1874 - also known as the **Bradlaugh Riot** – took place when the results of a bi-election result were announced. Charles Bradlaugh's supporters outraged by the tactics of the Liberal Party during the election campaign, and when the results were announced some of them disputed the result and began to brawl with the supporters of other candidates. Serious rioting developed throughout the evening until the disturbances were eventually quelled when troops were called out.

Bradlaugh was eventually selected as an official Liberal Party candidate prior to the general election of 1880 and then successfully elected to Parliament. He best remembered for the dispute that arose when he was refused permission to swear the Oath of Allegiance and prevented from taking his seat in the House of Commons.

We believe the visit of the ADP Tour in 2024 would be a provocative and exciting way to commemorate the riot and increase interest and awareness of this important episode in Northampton's history.

Northampton Central Museum plan to organise an exhibition about radicalism and dissent to coincide with the anniversary, with objects related to the Northampton riot as it's focal point.

The current estimated total cost and grant request is for £3350.

The main expenditure is for the transportation and return of the container from Great Yarmouth where it is currently in storage. Containerlift have previously transported the container – their estimate is **£2748**.

Other possible expenses : Promotional Material. 1000 leaflets - £100. The ADP does not need an attendant. It needs a power supply - if that is available it would be minimum expense, if not a generator might need to be hired.

Jimmy Cauty is also available to visit Northampton to talk about the ADP, particularly school groups. His fee is **£500**.

It would be good consider an exhibition opening event on the market square.

Also, an alternative venue might need to be considered, as there is likely to be a general election sometime in 2024, and the byelaws that prevented the 2016 visit to the market square might become a factor again !

For any more information please contact me: christopher.pounds@nhs.net.

For more information about the ADP Tour please see:

[ADP World Riot Tour | \(jamescauty.com\)](http://jamescauty.com)

This article from 2016 refers to the previous visit to Northampton :

[Jimmy Cauty: 'I'm an outsider artist' | Installation | The Guardian](#)

[For any more information](#)

I am local amateur historian, enthusiastic to promote our towns rich history and culture.

Yours Sincerely,

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