

Matlock Bath Parish Council

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DRAFT NOTES of a meeting of the Activities Committee held on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at New Bath Hotel

Present: Cllr Helen Keay (Chairman), Cllr Jackie Ligo, Cllr Leisha Martin, Cllr Chris Vivian, Cllr Peter Baranek, Julie Baranek (Clerk)

01.01.24 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

02.01.24 **Acceptance and Signing of Notes**

It was agreed that the notes of the last meeting held on 25th September 2023 be approved and were signed by the Chairman.

03.01.24 **Budget Requirements for 2024/2025**

The Committee discussed each budget head and suggested, on the whole, the budget should be the same as last year. It was, however, suggested that the budget for the Art and Photography Competitions should be reduced by £300 as the sponsorship received and the budget itself covered all costs.

The Committee discussed the Christmas budget and felt it was in line with expenditure. However, the Committee felt that it might be more cost effective for future years if the Parish Council planted a tree which could be used year on year. The Committee did feel that the costs for the electrical work should be put out to tender or consideration be given for battery lighting. Again, this would help decrease costs in future years. The Clerk agreed to contact DDDC to ascertain whether a tree could be planted in Memorial Gardens for this use.

It was felt that the Christmas Tree which is already planted in Memorial Gardens in the flower bed should be utilised for 2024.

The Committee agreed that it would be good to hold a summer community event. Therefore, a budget of £400 was agreed.

It was agreed to increase the Christmas Lunch budget to £1,000 to accommodate more residents.

04.01.24 **Activities 2024**

Art and Photography Competitions - It was agreed that no changes were required to the Art and Photography Competitions. The Clerk agreed to contact organisations to obtain sponsorship. It was agreed to confirm dates nearer the time as availability of the Clerk and Councillors was not yet clear.

Remembrance – It was noted that the Parish Council service will be held on 10th November at 10.45 am.

Further details will be discussed at a further meeting.

Christmas Lunch – It was agreed to discuss this at a further meeting.

Christmas/Singing Round the Tree – It was suggested to hold the event on a different day than usual, perhaps mid week to try and attract more attendees. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

05.01.24 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held when business dictates.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.