

## EVENTS WORKING PARTY WORKING PARTY MEETING 4 APRIL 2023 - NOTES

1.1. Present: Cllrs P Lightfoot, I Fletcher, J Hicks, F Baldry, H Humby & I Ward

In attendance: Alan & Jean Jones, Rev. Mark Williams, Richard Priest (Clerk), Jenn Armstrong (RFO) and Rainie Elliss (Amin).

- 1.2. The Clerk outlined details of the Island Church service planned for the Coronation, in Cowes as the Minster is undergoing repairs, and members noted the difficulty of arranging a local service given the logistics of dates and other local events;
- 1.3. Members noted the work undertaken with the Community Rail Partnership, and involvement of local school children in a coronation party planned for the centre on the Afternoon of the Friday of the Coronation weekend (5 May 2023), and clerk will circulate more details once available from the Partnership;
- 1.4. Rainie outlined work with local school to design logo for coronation bag, in line with 2022 budget for school projects, and linking with local Library to display all designs. Members were mindful of tight timescales and as soon as designed received from school after Easter break, members will need to judge the designs, and advise contractor in advance of Coronation weekend;
- 1.5. Clerk outlined other projects with Rail Partnership, including Defib at Rail Station, and Easter event;
- 1.6. Clerk outlined small wordsearch project with school and library;
- 1.7. Working with Historical association, the clerk outlined Royal Film project and discussion regarding launch at the library and link to other presentations;
- 1.8. Members noted involvement with colleagues at Lake regarding Bay Coronation events;
- 1.9. Members noted planned Community Bus event in May, involving Lord Lieutenant, and presentation of special badges for Voluntary service;
- 1.10. Members discussed possible Volunteers event to 'spring clean' parts of the Town, and this would link with the Sandown Conservation Area Management Plan, and it may start with small Town Council Projects such as repainting Lifeguard Station and grow into larger event in the future;
- 1.11. Members discussed Big Picnic event at Battery Gardens, working with Community Association, with around £500 available through the Town Council for the Coronation/Big Picnic event, and members also noted current situation regarding the guide and plans for 2023;

- 1.12. Members also noted progress on High Street Task Force, Bay Place Plan, Funding secured for community projects, and noted proposed date for Town Meeting on Monday 24 April, providing an opportunity to highlight planned Coronation events; and
- 1.13. Members also noted small community events to mark Anniversary event at war Memorial on 11 April and on 25 April, working with the Church and Historical Association.