

# **The Great Get Together**

## **Working Group Notes**

### **31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**Members present:** Cllrs Begnett, B Cooper, Dodsworth, Elvidge, Pearson and Cllr Willis

**Councillors present:** David Ryley (Tesco Community Champion) Matt Snowden (Beverley Folk Festival) and Helen Watson (Town Clerk)

#### **1. To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies were received.

#### **2. To elect a Chair**

Resolved – Rob Begnett was elected as Chair and lead Councillor

#### **2. To elect a Vice Chair**

This was not required in the short term project.

#### **3. To consider and discuss joining forces with the Big Lunch/Street Parties planned to remember murdered MP Jo Cox on 17th and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

General discussion took place on what the Town Council could facilitate within the limited budget, time and councillor/staffing constraints available prior to the planned weekend of the 16-18 June. Discussion took place on if the event could take place at the Folk Festival on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Matt Snowden said that it was not possible as all the Folk Festival plans were in place; however he was willing to send some Westwood Sessions musician's to entertain at the event.

Discussion took place on other possible venues, such as: Beverley Racecourse, Beverley Westwood, Coronation Gardens, Walkergate Gardens, Cricket Club, Library Gardens, Town Centre, and Leisure Centre. The Town Clerk reported on the costs of using the Library Gardens. Discussion also took place on wet weather provision in St Marys Church.

Further discussion took place on what to do at the event. The consensus was that a Pop up Picnic would be the best, where people bring their own food and drink and some incidental music be provided by BTC and the Folk Festival. The Town Clerk reported on the pack received from the Great Get Together Team, which included the conversation menu and posters which could be used at the event. She also reported that there were various red and white gingham themed party products that could be purchased to add to the event, such as tablecloths, cupcakes, bunting, banqueting roll and balloons. She went on to advise that a Risk Assessment of the event would be legally required to comply with the Town Council insurance, and Town Councillors would be required to attend to facilitate the event as officers were not available due to prior commitments.

David Ryley, said that Tesco's can donate fresh fruit for the gather.

Rob Begnett said that he has several volunteers from Beverley Soup to help on the day and that Social media will drive the PR of the event. He also said that he has some music contacts. Rob agreed to send some wording over for a letter to the Supermarkets and also to write a joint press release with Ann Willis as Mayor, this can then be circulated by officers to the press and media contacts. Ann Willis to ask Beverley Building Society if they would like to be involved.

Phil Dodsworth volunteered to go around the Supermarkets asking for donations for the event, such as water, soft drinks, sunscreen and balloons/decorations. He will need a letter provided from the office. Town Clerk was asked to ascertain the best venue and let members know, so they can help with planning the day.

Councillors stated that it should be a gathering rather than an event and should take place from 11am – 3pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the most appropriate location, when this had been ascertained by the Town Clerk.

***Actions -***

- i) Town Clerk was requested to contact all the venues to see what is available and the most feasible to use. Member left it with the Town Clerk to arrange the venue booking.
- ii) Town Clerk to ask St Marys Church for wet weather provision use.
- iii) David Ryley, to arrange fruit donation from Tesco's
- iii) Rob Begnett to write a press release and letter content to email to Town Clerk. To organise Beverley Soup volunteers and music contacts
- iv) Ann Willis to contact Beverley Building Society
- v) Phil Dodsworth to visit supermarkets in Beverley to seek donations as described
- vi) Matt Snowden to arrange Westwood Session musicians