

DISS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Carnival Sub-Committee** held at Diss Town Council Offices on Tuesday 12th November 2024 at 7.15pm.

In attendance: K. Jaynes (KJ)
Cllr S. Kiddie (SK)
Andy Rackham (AR)
S. Villafuerte-Richards (SV-R)
R. Ludkin (RL)
Cllr J. Robertson (JR)
Cllr D. Collins (DC)
Julia Fairbrother (MTM Youth) (JF)
George Waterman (GW)
Emily Forsdyke (EF)
James Grint (Park Radio) (JG)
Sue Brazier (Scouts)
Bob Rogers (RBL)
Mary Cotton (RBL)

CA1124/1 Election of Chair

Members considered the election of a Chair for Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025. It was

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Sue Kiddie (SK) as Chair of the Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025.

CA1124/2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Sophie Scott (SS) and Alex Rackham (ALR).

CA1124/3 Election of Vice-Chair

Members considered the election of a Vice-Chair for Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025. It was

RESOLVED: To elect George Waterman as Vice-Chair of the Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025.

CA1124/4 Minutes

Members considered the minutes from the last meeting of the carnival committee. It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the de-brief meeting on 24th September 2024 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

CA1124/5 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

CA1124/6 Public Participation

There was one member of the public present who spoke under the next item.

CA1124/7 Items of URGENT Business

James Grint (Park Radio) proposed an idea of re-introducing 'Battle of the Bands'. Six bands would perform once a month at the Corn Hall. At the end of the night, judges select a band to move forward to the finals; next month the same with a different group of artists. Winner of the Spring/Summer heat would get to headline Diss Carnival for Summer and winner of Autumn/Winter heat to headline Diss Christmas Lights Switch-On saving costs for main acts for both events. The

committee liked the idea and will make a decision at the next meeting to allow for the Christmas Lights committee to consider as well.

(Action: To add this item to the next Carnival and Christmas Lights agendas, KJ)

CA01124/8 Theme

Members discussed a theme for Diss Carnival 2025. Suggestions included an 'Around The World' theme (initial ideas circulated), 60s mods and rockers & 50s, 60s and 70s. There was concern the last two suggestions wouldn't appeal as much to children.

Various ideas for the Around The World theme were discussed including a cooking tent for people to experiment with different foods and a large map to plot the origins of local people. It was agreed that all members would research possible entertainment acts for the Around The World theme to bring to the next meeting before any promotion was undertaken. There was also discussion regarding avoiding duplication of countries for floats by allowing entrants to select on a first come first served basis. It was

RESOLVED: To approve the Around The World theme for Diss Carnival 2025 with entertainment ideas brought for discussion to the next meeting.

**(Action: KJ to add theme discussion to next agenda.
Committee to research entertainment for this theme, by 26.11.24)**

CA1124/9 Task List

Members discussed the updated committee task list for Diss Carnival 2025. Former committee member Ruth Ward is happy to come in and review stall applications for committee to consider. Doreen confirmed she is also happy to help in the office with paperwork. James suggested contacting the Round Table for volunteers to help with the event and GW will contact them.

**(Action: DTC to contact Ruth Ward to review applications)
GW to contact Round Table)**

It was suggested that the Diss RBL could lead on the Window Dressing Competition given their successful Remembrance one. Bob Rogers confirmed he will speak to Andy (RBL).

(Action: BR to discuss with RBL)

Committee discussed entertainment sourcing. GW will speak to possible band contacts. The Corn Hall is interested in being involved and will have contacts. Emily is happy to help KJ with promotional materials for the event.

(Action: GW, by next meeting / EF, ongoing promo support)

A giant inflatable globe was suggested as well as a tethered hot air balloon as a small taster experience.

(Action: JF to research options, by next meeting)

There was discussion regarding determining the maximum number of stalls on the Park on a site plan considering the land topography prior to bookings to ease bookings process and set up.

James Grint suggested DTC go on Park Radio to promote for event volunteers.

(Action: SR to consider once volunteer requirements known)

Post note meeting – RL / KJ / AR / GW & EF would meet to update site plan.

CA1124/10 Member Updates

The committee received and noted updates from members not reported elsewhere on this agenda.

RL requested an update on the starting budget for Carnival 2025 and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

(Action: KJ to add budget to next agenda)

RL informed the committee that a planning application is being submitted to have a storage container on the Park where event equipment can be stored, which should ease setting up and clearing away.

CA1124/11 Date of Future Meeting

The next date for the Carnival Committee will be Tuesday 26th November 2024 2024 at 7pm. It was agreed that subsequent future dates would be scheduled in advance also.

(KJ to add to outlook calendar & suggest future dates at next meeting)

The meeting closed at: 20:45.

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Sue Kiddie