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Community Committee					
Date of meeting	Agenda ref no	Clr to action	Details	Status	
2019/20					
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Jun-19	06/19	PV, KB	AFD working party meetings if any	Closed	
	07/19	AM	Talk to RAF re delivering scrolls and tankards direct to base	Completed	
	07/19	MK	Talk to RAF re transport re putting stage away in chapel	Closed	
	10/19, 30/19	KB, PV	Attend Spooktacula WP meetings with Lions	Completed	
09/092019	21/19, 30/19	All	review 5 year plan and think of ideas ready for next meeting	Set aside	
	31/19	All	Newsletter ideas to be sent to Chair		
	32/19	AMcF	Tree of Light - To attend Dedication - 28th Nov		
	32/19	Locum Clerk	Purchase and Erect Tree		
	33/19	PV, Locum Clerk	VE Day celebrations - TOR, RAF invitation		
	36/19	AMcF, WMP, PV	OPC Facebook - to get access and have editing rights	Completed	

Odiham Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 8th October 2019

Community Committee – Tree of Light

Background

OPC has agreed to work with the Loins to allow them to use Odiham's Christmas Tree as a 'Tree of Light' whereby participants can purchase a light in memory of a loved one. The Lions will be responsible for 'selling' the lights and collecting donations which will be used for charitable purposes.

Practicalities

There will be a Dedication Service on Thursday 28th November which the Chair of Council has been invited to attend. This will be organised by the Lions. It is currently unclear whether OPC is expected to 'do' anything for this event.

OPC has ordered a tree and will erect and decorate it. OPC will also apply and pay for the permission required from HCC Highways.

Two quotations were received for the purchase and delivery of a 15ft Christmas Tree. £350 + VAT from last year's supplier based in the Midlands and £165 + VAT from a more local supplier based in Godalming. As this was budgeted for it has been ordered from the cheaper supplier for delivery to the High Street outside the Frame. It will be delivered on the morning of 21st November.

Help will be needed to erect and decorate the tree; it is unclear whether any help will be available from the Lions in this regard. Having not been here in past years I am unclear how the tree is erected and where, where the lights for the tree are (do we have working lights?) and how and where are they connected to an electricity supply. Help with this is essential please.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee take responsibility for finding 'knowledgeable' helpers in order that the tree will be erected and decorated in time for the dedication on 28th November. It clearly needs to be erected or stored immediately after delivery on 21st if it is not to 'walk'!

Request from 1st Odiham Guides

I'm the Guider of Odiham's Guide unit, 1st Odiham Guides, which currently has as members around twenty girls between the ages of ten and fourteen from Odiham, North Warnborough, RAF Odiham and some surrounding villages. I'm writing to you in the hope that the council might be able to help with a couple of activities that are on our horizon.

UK Parliament Week

Firstly, we're approaching the time of year when the UK Parliament Week is held (2-8 November this year). I don't know whether you're aware of this scheme, but its aim is to educate young people about democracy and the way in which our government works (see <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/>). There is a series of activities for different age groups, by which participants from schools and youth groups can earn a certificate or badge.

One of the activity suggestions is to invite representatives of democracy locally to talk to the young people about what they do and why. That's where I hope that you might be able to help: it would be super if one or more of you could come to one of our Guide meetings around the time of Parliament Week (ideally Monday 12 Nov) to meet our Guides and tell them about what the council does. We meet on Mondays, 6.30-8.30pm, at the Baker Hall, Buryfields.

When I first had this idea, the council still met on Monday evenings, so I'd thought that it might be possible to bring the Guides to witness a real council meeting. Now that you meet on Tuesdays, it won't be. If it were possible to organise a talk, another thought I've had is to bring the Guides to meet you in the Parish Room, as I'm sure that most of them won't have been there before, and it would be interesting for them to see the place in which meetings happen.

I know that the councillors are volunteers and that helping us with our Parliament Week activities will add to your commitments, so appreciate any help you're able to offer.