

**CHRISTCHURCH TOWN COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 31 March 2021 at 6.00pm via  
Zoom conferencing facilities

Present:-

Chairman:	Cllr F F T Neale
Present:	Cllr Mrs S Bungey, Cllr A E Coulton, Cllr W Grace, Cllr S J McCormack, and Cllr Mrs S Spittle.
Also in attendance:	Cllr S Fotheringham
Apologies:	Cllr C A Gardiner.
Officers present:	Daniel Lucas, Town Clerk, Susan Roxby, Administrative Support Officer and Phil Smith, BCP Senior Events Officer.
Members of the Public present:	1
Members of the Press present:	None present

**280. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**281. Circus Zyair**

Members were asked to decide in principle whether Circus Zyair could have use of the Quomps/Quay and if so minded, to delegate to the Town Clerk to grant a licence (subject to satisfactory receipt of advice from BCP Council, statutory partners and necessary risks assessments and public liability insurance).

A representative from Circus Zyair gave a presentation to Members on the Circus event due to be held on the Quomps. He advised that ordinarily the Circus would have set up on Stanpit Recreation Ground, but due to issues at Stanpit this was no longer usable as a circus site. The Circus had approached the BCP Events Team and the Quomps was suggested as a suitable alternative. Christchurch would be its first venue with social distancing and Covid secure measures in place.

A Member queried if there would be vans on the Quomps for staff to sleep in and was informed that all equipment would include the accommodations for staff and performers on site.

A Member questioned how close the Circus would be to the splash park and was informed that this would not impact on the splash park or encroach on the footpath.

The Town Clerk advised that the Splash Park was controlled by BCP Council and it would be for them to make arrangements for it to be open during the current Covid restrictions.

A Member queried why the set-up time was quite long and was informed that this had been extended as it was the Circus' first venue in 2021 and more time was required as they were using a smaller team for social distancing.

Cllr Mrs Spittle joined the meeting at 6.10pm.

Members raised amenity concerns to the neighbours on the Quay and were informed that neighbours were given free Circus tickets and a phone number to contact the Circus if they had any concerns.

Members further raised concerns for the size of the event area stating that if the weather was hot that families would be congregating around the splash park together with picnickers and there would be car parking issues to be addressed. Members were informed that the vehicle access gate would be kept locked. Due to social distancing capacity would be reduced by 70% and therefore would be more performances to address this which were shorter in length due to covid and would reduce the number of cars attending at any one time.

The BCP Officer Senior Events Officer advised that a risk assessment had been undertaken satisfactory regarding the size of the event area.

A Member question why the circus did not go to Barrack Road site and was informed that there was a ruling to allow funfairs there only and not circuses at Barrack Road.

Members felt that the Circus would be a good event to be held in Christchurch. Cllr Coulton proposed a motion that the Circus Zyair event should go ahead. This motion was seconded by Cllr Grace.

**RESOLVED that the Town Clerk be delegated to grant a licence subject to satisfactory receipt of particulars and advice from BCP Council and Statutory partners.**

Voting: unanimous

## **282. Fountain Court Roundabout Telephone Kiosk**

Members were asked to decide whether to adopt the telephone kiosk which is due to be decommissioned and removed by BT contractors imminently. The Town Council would be liable for the maintenance and future safety installations and checks if a defibrillator was installed in the telephone kiosk.

The Chairman stated that there was a company that would repaint and add signage to the kiosk free of charge and that BT would also supply the electricity.

A Member did not like the suggestion to keep the telephone kiosk as it was in an area that could be congested and would prefer it to be removed and raised possible vandalism concerns. Another Member considered that it was a heritage item, and that Christchurch was a heritage town.

A Member stated that the Town Council should have a notice board and felt that this should be placed in the space where the telephone kiosk was and wished to investigate whether a notice board could be installed in its place. The Town Clerk advised that it was in a conversation area and that planning consent would be required for a notice board and this would be placed for consideration on the next scheduled Community Committee meeting agenda.

Members were divided as to whether to keep the telephone kiosk. Cllr Mrs Spittle proposed a motion for the removal of the telephone kiosk and that the Council does not adopt it; and the Council explores the potential options for a notice board in its place. This motion was seconded by Cllr Grace.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

### **RESOLVED that:**

- a) the telephone kiosk is removed, and the Council does not adopt it; and**
- b) the Council explores the potential options for a notice board in its place.**

Voting: Voting: 3: 1 (2 Abstentions)

The meeting ended at 7.02pm

CHAIRMAN