

**MINUTES OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD AT  
6.00PM ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
AT THE RINGS COMMUNITY HUB**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Strike (Chairman), Fryer and Rutland.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** J McGeeney, Town Clerk; Cllr Watson (Ex-Officio); C Walker, R Hall (Yarm Lions).

1. **Housekeeping:** The Chairman advised those present of the emergency escape procedures. It was requested that mobile phones be switched to silent. If a call was received and had to be taken Members were politely requested to leave the room.
2. **Apologies for Absence** - None
3. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Watson declared an interest as the owner of Fit-it DIY, who were a sponsor of the Ingleby Barwick Fun Run.
4. **Fun Run 2023 – Debrief and Evaluation** – Chris Walker and Ron Hall were in attendance to give Members a debrief of the inaugural Ingleby Barwick Run which was held on Sunday 2<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

In total there were 292 finishers. The Run director had received extremely positive feedback from both runners, run marshalls and the public both in person and through Social Media. As the run had been started in All Saints School feed, it allowed runners to disperse effectively resulting in less congestion on the footpaths. It was hoped that in future years, the number of entry places could be increased.

The Town Council had been thanked for sponsoring the medals for the race, this allowed more money to be raised for Yarm Lions to be used for local causes. The total amount raised by the run totalled £3212.21.

Both Chris and Ron were eager to hold the run again, subject to Town Council approval.

The Committee thanked them both for their valiant efforts in making the inaugural Ingleby Barwick Fun Run a success.

5. **Summer Events 2023 – Debrief and Evaluation** – The Town Clerk reported that a total of 25 events had taken place during the 2 weeks sports and activities week in the Summer and had been a huge success. The introduction of an on-line booking form meant that the booking process for parents was easy and the production of a spreadsheet assisted the Town Clerk in the production of registers for the events. Evaluations from parents produced positive feedback and comments received had been taken into account and acted upon where necessary.

Preparation for next years events would take place in the new year.

6. **Murder Mystery Event – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023** – The next Town Council event ‘Murder is Frightful’ will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Rings Community Hub. Tall Tales Mysteries will return following the success of the last Murder Mystery night in April 2023. To

date 46 tickets had been sold, further advertising and promotion of the event would take place over the next 2 weeks.

- 7. Date of next meeting** – The next meeting of the Events Committee would be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.00pm

The meeting ended at 7.15pm.