

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



COMMUNITIES & TOURISM COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Communities & Tourism Committee meeting held on Friday 31st January 2025 in the council chambers 49 High Street, Polegate East Sussex BN26 6AL at 10:15am

Present: Cllrs D Murray, M Piper, M Cunningham, A Wood, D Dunbar (5)

Not Present: Cllrs S Shing, D Watts, C Berry, A O’Kane, J Keen (5)

No members of the public present

Minute Number	Resolution
13725	Opportunity for Public None
13726	Apologies for absence Cllrs S Shing, D Watts, A O’Kane, C Berry
13727	Declarations of interest in any items on the agenda None
13728	Proposal for Polegate Town Council Beacon Lighting Event VE 80 Day – 8th May 2025 A discussion took place on the merits and costs of the various suggested events. Whether to invite dignitaries, cadets of different forces and whether to have a larger event and ask PADMEC for them to have train rides. It was also questioned what Polegate School would be doing for the day. A Councillor raised concerns over the overall costs in terms of austerity and whether the larger event should take place. It was agreed that the beacon lighting would be the smaller event running from 9-10pm only. The flag had already been purchased (under a different budget) and the flag raising could be advertised. Discussions on the entertainment (singer, music, war songs) and whether anyone would be free or halls may already be booked as attendees expected at the tea party were not likely to attend the beacon lighting. Grants and the staffing costs were discussed. The staffing budget, not general reserves, will be used to cover staff costs. <u>It was recommended to have a 9.00am raising of the VE Day flag at the council offices, a 9pm-10pm (finish) beacon lighting event at Brightling Road Recreation Ground and a tea party style event for VE day. Costs to be considered for approval by the Finance committee on 14th February 2025 estimated to be £2100 from general reserves. VOTE All in favour</u>

The meeting closed at 10:57am

Signed by _____ Chair of Communities & Tourism Committee _____ Dated _____