

Report of a Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, New Street, Wem to discuss the arrangements for The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022

Present:- Approx. 13 Members of the public.

Apologies were received from Mr C Parker, Mr T Bamford, L Northcott, Wem Jubilee Band, Thomas Adams School

The Mayor welcomed all present and outlined that the general purpose of the meeting was to form a working group to organise some celebrations to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

The Clerk outlined that the official celebrations would be over 4 days,

Date	Event
<b>Thursday 2nd June</b>	The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour): Platinum Jubilee Beacon lighting
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	No national events planned
<b>Saturday 4th June</b>	Platinum Party at the Palace (ticketed event, with live screenings in larger towns not confirmed if this will be shown on TV)
<b>Sunday 5th June</b>	Pageant The Big Jubilee Lunch

It was explained that there was a virtually no budget for the events so funding would need to be raised through donations, grants and sponsorship as had happened previously. A small financial contribution could be made by the Town Council and possibly Wem Rural Parish Council if they wished to become involved.

In addition whilst the Town Council called the meeting due to limited staff resources the Council would be able to provide some back office support to the group to help with contacts and procedures but would not currently be able to undertake the role of secretary or treasurer for the events planned.

A discussion took place on possible events that could be held in Wem and the following suggestions were made:

- Beacon lighting
- Specific event for teenagers on Friday evening – possible location Wem Town Hall (subject to their agreement)
- Party in the park on the Saturday afternoon/evening with musical entertainment composed specifically for the town
- Screening of the party in the palace on a big screen on Wem Re.
- Sunday morning faith service with possible parade
- High Street decoration and shop competitions

A discussion took place on how the group should organise itself to progress the events and the following suggestions were made for working parties

<b>Working party</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
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Youth events	Andy Everett and Katie Carter
Infrastructure – toilets, beacon, stalls, fairground rides, risk assessments, trailers, big screen hire	Edward Towers, Mark Hoffmann, Sue Holliday
Entertainment	Mac, Wem Jubilee Band, Thomas Adams School, Community Choir
Marketing, Administration, Sponsorship, and Town decoration	Joanna Le Put, Enid Smith
Church Service organisation	Town Council

It was agreed to meet again on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 19.00 in The Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, to allow those who could not attend the first meeting to have a chance to input ideas and progress some of the suggestions and formalise the working parties. In the meantime it was also agreed that provisional bookings should be made for some of the entertainment to secure the date.

Meeting ended 20.15