

Snodland Events – 17th September 2024

Attendees:	Chris Sharp (Kent Army Cadet Force), Steve Cameron (1 st Snodland Scouts), Gary Ellis (Brownies and Rainbows)
Councillors present:	Cllr G Miners, Mrs D Crook, Mrs S Bell, Mrs J Ayers
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (Chief Executive), Mrs Karen Miners, Mrs Helen Comber
Apologies:	Ann (3 rd Snodland Brownies), Helen Orme (WI), Mrs Trudi Kinslow, Maria Ellison (Scouts Group), (St Katherines School)

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> See above
2.	<u>Charities</u> Donations for light for life, the Council have agreed for Air Ambulance.
3.	<u>Minutes – To Agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2024</u> Agreed.
4.	<u>Date of the next meeting</u> Thursday 14 th November 2024

Carnival – Saturday 6th July 2024

1.	<u>Actions from this year's Carnival</u> Scouts raised concerns and were not happy where they were and pushed back and reduced sized of pitch. Would have been nice to have been told beforehand. Stalls and music were good despite the weather Due to the weather, people disappeared before setting up their stalls. England were playing at 5pm. If there were more stalls, that would have been better. We are limited on stalls, as with cars there, and pitches we were fully booked with 36 stalls. Nachos were really good and think that popcorn would be good too. Chess was good, They are looking at getting an alternative giant chess board/mat.
2.	<u>To consider how the Carnival should evolve</u>

	<p>Cadets commented on the following -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For next year, they would like periods within the day, to show Cadet drill and show demonstrations. Get PA in the middle. Would other youth groups want to do this? • We are completing an Archery course, maybe this is something that we can bring to the fun day but would need to look at the logistics. • Would like to put in shooting zorbing. These are popular. This request is from the kids. <p>The following suggestions were made, and comments raised –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bring back the Arena - Before, when dance and Judo were doing it, it was only the parents that were interested to see it. • What about having a theme? This is only applicable when there is a parade. • Bring back the parade – Parade will not be re-introduce due to lack of interest and participation from groups. • Inflatables went well. People were coming in and didn't realise that they were inside. We need to promote this better. May need an additional smaller inflatable for the little kids. • St Katherines would like to do something at the fun day next year. • Stage needs to be arranged before the next meeting and look at electric requirements and positioning. • With stage there, could we do an outdoor cinema in the evening? This could be considered as a future idea once we have got the general fun day organised • There are options to use area in front of the stage in the intervals as an arena. • More activities for kids • Consider a local micro brewery
3.	<p><u>Advertising</u></p> <p>Publish as a fun day, band goes on all day. Live music. Food, stalls, games, activities</p>
4.	<p><u>Any other Items</u></p> <p>Next year, STC paying for stage and band, need to establish what activities. If other groups want to participate, they need to attend the meetings.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STC - Set up and mark the gazebos – to ensure that we have all of the parts. <p>Cllr Miners and Cllr Morgan to do.</p>
5.	<p><u>Date of Next Carnival</u></p> <p>Suggest speaking to a stage person first, to ensure the date is available. It would be prudent to book the stage first around this date, which can be changed and then we can confirm.</p>

Fireworks – Wednesday 6th November 2024

1.	<u>Actions from the last meeting</u> No actions from last meeting. Everything is in hand. Volunteers – we do not have any? Cadets are not allowed to do car parking duties, but we can man gates with donation buckets for STC. 20 Children – 3x adults Cadets will get risk assessments and send them to STC. Councillors to do the road closures.
2.	<u>Security</u> 4x security have been booked.
3.	<u>Co-ordination of marshalls</u> Cadets can man gates with Councillors. We have a list of Councillors that will attend. We could liaise with the school to see if they want to go and litter pick after the event (next day). Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gary Ellis to speak to St Katherines regarding litter pick.• We will contact Valley Invicta and Snodland CofE, and Holmesdale.• Risk assessment for fireworks needs to be send to Cadets.
4.	<u>Any other items</u> Nothing else

Christmas – Saturday 30th November 2024

1.	<u>Date of event</u> Saturday 30 th November 2024
2.	<u>Actions from the last meeting</u> Road closure and risk assessment for High Street has been carried out to ascertain whether there is sufficient room for the Lantern Parade. Council is happy with the arrangements, so the parade can go ahead.

3.	<p><u>Details of Lantern Parade</u></p> <p>Cllr Bell and CEO have meeting tomorrow with Cohesion Plus. We have managed to raise enough funds.</p> <p>We have 3 primary schools involved, Cohesion plus go in and make lanterns and then the children parade from Community Centre, down High Street.</p> <p>Cadets could be front and rear markers for the parade.</p> <p>Gary would like notes from meeting tomorrow.</p> <p>Road closures will be put on. Leaving Community Centre at 4:30.</p> <p>Each school can have 30 children.</p> <p>Other groups can attend the parade but no other lanterns.</p> <p>St Katherines are going to take on the grotto, they will pick it up and decorate it. They will check if they can get the Santa, who needs to be DBS checked. No music in the carpark. School can put music on. Does grotto need power, as we may have power from the Community Hub. The presents will be a voluntary contribution. This is how it has always been and the money raised will go back into buying presents for next year.</p> <p>The truck will need to be used by STC for road closure.</p> <p>Closing road signs to be lent to Scouts and they can pick up. Scouts will provide food, raffle, tombola. Brownies are going to have a stall.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Mayor want to attend and walk, with the parade? • Can we ask Hicks if we can use electric to run a PA from outside their office if we had 2 big speakers there. • We need to speak to light people, to ensure they are available on the day and we will need more volunteers for the light switch on. • STC to advertise on Facebook, Do any Charities want a stall, they are to contact Scouts directly, via email only.
4.	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
5.	<p><u>Any other Items</u></p> <p>Cadets are running a half marathon, are happy to run for Snodland Christmas Lanterns, if T-shirts are made up for them.</p> <p>T-shirt's – 2x large and 1 medium</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:18.

Remembrance Day

Cadets are organising the exit from Cemetery.