

## Minutes of the Snowdrop Valley 2024 Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 26 March 2024 at 6.30pm in the Moorland Hall

**Present: Committee Members** Cllr Eric Norman (Chair), Cllr Jon Levenson, Jim Winzer, Angela Edwards, John Anson, Jenni Goosen, Emma Luxton

**In attendance:** Liz Stitt (Clerk)

Item	Minutes	Action
	<b>Public Question Time.</b> There were no members of the public present.	
23/29	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> Cally Elston & Jemma Clark gave apologies to the Clerk. Cllr Claire Rooke gave apologies to Cllr Norman	
23/30	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b> Cllr Norman, The Rest and Be Thankful Inn.	
23/31	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and report on actions.</b> These were approved and signed.	
23/32	<p><b>Update on the 2024 Snowdrop Valley Event</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Cllr Norman started off by saying a big thank you to Jim Winzer for his stalwart resilience and everything he did during the event, the committee applauded Jim. Cllr Norman also went on to thank all the volunteers, and the school for doing the café. Unfortunately, due to the weather, not as much money was made as last year, but considering the wet weather there were no major incidents.</li> <li>ii) John Anson thanked Cllr Norman, Jim Winzer, and his son Nick for clearing all the wood prior to the event.</li> <li>iii) Cllr Norman said even though the weather was very wet the atmosphere was still good, and people still came.</li> <li>iv) There was a complaint made on a comment on Facebook regarding one of the walks, Cllr Levenson said some people don't go to the main trailer before starting their walk where they give walkers all the information and make sure they are wearing the correct foot wear, Jim Winzer said it was evident from the post that they didn't go to the trailer to start with as they would have been given a proper leaflet to follow with all the information.</li> <li>v) Cllr Levenson pointed out that last year the event was advertised on the local news, which was the equivalent of £20,000 worth of advertising, so next year we could see if we could get this done again.</li> <li>vi) Angela Edwards said the school money was a bit short due to people paying on card and the cash not being put back over to the school, Cllr Norman suggested the committee put a donation to the school to buy the Snowdrops for the next event to be sold. This will be added to a future agenda to be agreed and will also need to be agreed by the full council as is not in the current budget.</li> <li>vii) Jenni Goosen said the school took just over £1,000 gross and net between £850 and £900, Jenni said a big proportion of that was down to Jim Winzer.</li> <li>viii) A member of the public said the ribbons and some of the signs had not been cleared from the paths, Cllr Norman asked that if anyone is riding or walking past to please pick them up.</li> </ul>	
23/34	<b>Agree the payments to Estate/Car Park Owners (This item was moved up the agenda by the chair)</b> Cllr Norman suggested that to show our goodwill we should pay Badgworthy Land Company £200 and Exmoor Farmers £250 the same amount that was paid last year, this was agreed by the committee. Cllr Norman also gave thanks to Paul Parfitt for clearing the trees.	
23/33	<b>Discuss purchasing a trailer for Snowdrop Valley events</b> Cllr Norman said the trailer that was used for the event is for sale at a very good price of £4,000. All the	

	<p>signage and merchandise are stored in the trailer and is all watertight in a secure location. Cllr Norman has got seven local companies to sponsor the trailer for £500 each in exchange for their logo going on it which covers most of the cost. Cllr Levenson said thanks should be given to Cllr Norman for letting the committee use his trailer in the past. The trailer also comes with a 1kw silent generator. Overall, the committee members said the deal is remarkable and the trailer is in such good order and were all in favour of buying it unanimously. Emma Luxton suggested moving the trailer during the event and putting it along by the hedge to be able to catch all the people going through, this will be discussed further for next year.</p> <p>Cllr Norman went on to say that we should fix something in April/May to thank the volunteers which will be looked into as soon as possible.</p>	
<b>23/36</b>	<p><b>Items for consideration on the next agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Put together a plan to try and get more volunteers.</li> <li>ii) Discuss whether the event should only run for three weeks rather than four.</li> <li>iii) Discuss a donation to the school to buy snowdrops.</li> <li>iv) Discuss a new location for the trailer during the event.</li> </ul> <p>John Anson asked for a vote of thanks to be given to Cllr Norman for all the hard work he does for the Snowdrop Valley Event which was unanimously agreed and given by the committee.</p>	
<b>23/37</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> The next meeting date is pencilled in to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July.</p>	

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm

Signed:

Dated: