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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Events & Community Engagement Committee
held on Wednesday 18th December 2019 at 7:15pm at the Town Council Office**

**Present: Cllr Cribb (Chairman), Cllr Carter, Cllr Charles, Cllr Draycott, Cllr Strode-Willis,
Charlotte Croser, David Manning**

In attendance: Melanie Barfield, Emma Dugdale, Linda Marshall

No.	Item	Action	By Whom
1.	Apologies for absence Cllr Wheeler gave his apologies which were accepted.		
2.	Declaration of Interest None.		
3.	Public Open Time None.		
4.	To receive and approve the final financial statement for the 2019 event. Resolved that the financial statement for the 2019 was accepted. It was noted that there will be approximately £600 surplus.		
5.	To review feedback received from members of the public and agree action Feedback was received via direct email, FaceBook message and comments on Thrapston FaceBook pages. Feedback was generally positive, with residents commenting on the choir, lights, free games and yarn bombers' display. Several members of the public were not in favour of the fireworks display. The fairground rides were advertised as £1.50 as in previous years but attendees were being charged at £2-3. We received some complaints about the cost. The manager of the fairground has explained that they will be unable to set ride costs of £1.50 in future.	Add Fairground to future agenda	Events Co-ordinator
6.	To discuss the following topics and agree action: ➤ Road closure timings and logistics A member of the public highlighted that access at the front of the Fire Station was impeded by fairground rides. In previous		

	<p>member attended a Victorian display at Higham Ferrers church and felt a similar display could work well in Thrapston. It is hoped that vendors and activities will come further up the High Street (to the Town Council office end) at the 2020 event. The lights switch-on competition was discussed, several alternatives were mentioned including inviting nominations and the Primary School house points system.</p>	<p>Add site plan to future agenda</p> <p>Add 'switch on guest' to future agenda</p>	<p>Events Co-ordinator</p> <p>Events Co-ordinator</p>
7.	<p>To note that members of the Committee will be agreed at the Town Council's annual meeting in May 2020. Noted.</p>		
8.	<p>Chairman's comments The Chairman thanked and congratulated the Committee on all their achievements and hard work on the 2019 Christmas Festival.</p>		
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:25.</p>		

Signed

Dated