

## **PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To consider the calendar of events organised by the Town Council.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 Every year the Town Council arranges three or four free events. A decision has previously been made to hold events in the Spring and Autumn to avoid clashes with summer events and festivals.

2.2 In 2019, the events were:

- Fun Factory, Old Barn Way (May)
- Community Choir Concert, Market Hall (April)
- Borough Band Concert, Brewery Yard (Sept)
- Baba Yaga Performance for Y6 pupils, Borough Theatre (November)

#### **3. 2020 EVENTS**

3.1 It is proposed that another play event is organised in conjunction with ACE and the green space on Old Barn Way should be used again. Abergavenny Rotary has an interest in getting financially involved. In 2019, the event was small but well received so the 2020 event would build upon the 2019 success. ACE have identified a number of residents that would like to get involved in the organisation.

3.2 The Community Choir concert has been organised in both 2018 and 2019 with a variation of choirs. In 2019, the choirs were Abercappella, Phoenix Singers, Tenovus and AAODS. This was well attended with an audience of approximately 200. A donation of £100 was given to each choir. The Market Hall was a cold venue in April so perhaps this concert should be moved to May or September.

3.3 The Borough Band Concert was held on the area outside of the Market in September. The event was poorly attended (approximately 20 people) despite advertising in the Focus magazine and by poster. A donation of £400 was made to the Borough Band.

3.4 In 2020, perhaps a joint Choir/Borough Band concert could be considered.

3.5 Borough Theatre performance: Three out of the four schools attended the Baba Yaga show in November and feedback has been extremely positive. There is a commitment from the Town Council to offer Y6 pupils the opportunity to see a show each year. Therefore, to capture the new Y6 intake, a show would have to be offered again in the Autumn term.

3.6 If a combined Choir/Band concert is offered this creates an opportunity for an additional event in 2020 or the VE Day celebration could be the fourth event.

#### **4.0 WAY FORWARD**

Members views are sought.