

BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL
Special Community Development Committee
Tuesday 29 August 2023

Decision Report
D-Day Celebrations

Recommendation:

Following guidance from Buckingham Palace there will be an expectation for Councils to celebrate D-Day 2024. The recommendation is to give assurance that this will be celebrated as part of the calendar of events for 2024/25 so preliminary plans can be made to secure the dates with large organisations. The proposed date is Saturday 1 June 2024.

Ward

Not ward specific.

Risk Management

To ensure that events are organised considering all elements of finance, health and safety and other issues relating specifically to each event. The format of some of the events are still to be agreed or where further work may need to be carried out.

Objective

To promote the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of the town and its community by organising a variety of events for the public to enjoy/participate within.

Report

Following official guidance from Buckingham Palace there will be an expectation to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D Day. The guidance also includes the lighting of a Beacon, like that of the Jubilee.

Preliminary discussions have taken place with the Navy, Army, Air force, Port of Blyth and the RNLi who are also celebrating their 200th

anniversary next year. They have all agreed to some level of participation.

To be able to go ahead and book organisations we need assurances from the Committee this event will be included in next years events calendar. Organisations such as RNLI and the Navy are being requested from many other towns to assist them, so we need to proactive to secure the best for this event.

This event would likely be a replacement to the Music in the Park event which have previously been used to celebrate the Jubilee and the Coronation.

The event is recommended to take place along the quayside to enjoy the benefits of the waterside activities which include boats trips from the Port of Blyth, demonstrations from the RNLI and potentially large vessels from the NAVY.

Blyth Battery Goes to War have announced that their 'Blyth Batter goes to War' weekend will be 18/19 May 2024.

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