



MINUTES A MEETING OF THE GREAT BRITISH RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
on Monday, 24th February 2025 at 6.30pm at Colne Town Hall

In attendance: Cllr. A Bell, Cllr. I Robinson, Cllr. A Mann and Cllr. M Moffitt

Also in attendance: Mr. N Cutler (Events & Facilities Officer), Miss. N Bates (Colne Blues Society) and Mr. S Shackleton (Colne Blues Society).

1. Welcome

Cllr. M Thomas (Chairman) welcomed all to the February 2025 Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival Advisory Committee meeting of Colne Town Council.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. A Mann, Cllr. A Bell & Miss. N Bates (Colne Blues Society).

Apologies accepted by Committee.

ABSENT: Cllr. A Chamberlain, Cllr. P Hannah-Wood & Cllr. M Moffitt

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct and/or indicate if S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

No declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12th August 2024. (Decision required).

Proposed by: Cllr. I Robinson

Seconded by: Cllr. M Thomas

Approved by Committee

5. Venue Update

To receive an update on the status of the main venues. (Information only)

Committee members received a verbal update on the confirmed main stages for the 2025 festival.

6. Marketing Update

To receive an update about the Marketing and PR for the Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival.
(Information only)

Committee members received a verbal update on the marketing and PR for the 2025 festival. It was also discussed the planned promotional activity to take place.

7. Catering Update

To receive an update on the Catering Tenders for the 2025 festival. (Information only)

Committee members received a verbal update on the catering at the 2025 festival. The Committee were advised that the catering tenders have gone out and once the tender period closes the Events Officer & Town Clerk will go through the tenders and allocate pitches to those who have been successful.

8. Artist Update

To receive an update on the artists bookings for the 2025 festival. (Information only)

Committee members received a verbal update on the main stage artists booked for the 2025 festival.

9. Tickets

To receive an update on ticket and camping sales to date. (Information only)

Committee members received a verbal update on the ticket sales for the 2025 festival.

10. Volunteer Update

To receive an update on the progress of recruiting volunteers for the 2025 festival. (Information only)

Committee members received a verbal update on recruiting volunteers for the 2025 festival.

11. Operational Elements of the Festival

To receive an update on the operational elements of the 2025 festival. (Information only)

Items to be updated on:

- Road Closure
- Security
- First Aid
- Waste Management
- Street Entertainment
- Toilets

Committee members were informed on the progress of all the operational elements of the festival.

12. Town Hall Bar

To receive an update on how the Town Hall will be used over the festival week/weekend. (Information only)

Committee members were informed on how the Town Hall would be used over the festival weekend. The Committee were informed that the Town Hall would be used as 2 Fringe Venues this year, first aid point, security point and the festival box office.

13. Update from Colne Blues Society

To receive an update from Colne Blues Society on the progress made with the organisation of the main venues and the official fringe venues. (Information only)

The Town Council's Events Officer provided the Committee with an update on behalf of Colne Blues Society.

14. Items for a Future Agenda

Points raised under this item are for information only and should be limited to five minutes only to consider them for the agenda for a future month. (Information only)

No items were raised for a future month's agenda.

15. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The next Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival Advisory Committee meeting is due to be confirmed.

Meeting concluded at 18:54.