



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EVENTS COMMITTEE
on Tuesday, 26th May 2026
in the Council Chamber of Colne Town Hall**

In attendance: Cllr. P Hannah-Wood, Cllr. A Bell, Cllr. I Robinson, Cllr. M Thomas & Cllr. H Thomas.

Also in attendance: Mr. Nathan Cutler (Events Officer)

1. Welcome

Cllr. P Hannah-Wood, Chairman of the Events Committee, welcomed everyone to the May Events Committee meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. A Mann.

Accepted by Committee

ABSENT: Cllr. N Butterworth, Cllr. M Moffitt, Cllr. D Clamp.

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 Tuesday, 24th March 2026. (Decision required)

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24th March 2026 were approved as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by: Cllr. I Robinson

Approved by Committee

Seconded by: Cllr. A Bell

5. Public Forum

To consider questions, statements, or petitions from members of the public who are welcome to the meeting and have a total collectively of 15 minutes to make their representations to the Committee. (Information only)

No public in attendance.

6. Co-Option

To consider candidates for co-option onto the Events Committee for 2026/27. (Decision required)

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

7. Easter in Colne – Feedback

To receive an update on the feedback of the Easter in Colne which was held on Saturday, 4th April 2026. (Information only)

Committee members received an update on the feedback from the Easter in Colne event which was held on Saturday, 4th April 2026.

ACTION: Events Officer to look at positioning of the live music tent to ensure we don't create a bottleneck for Town Centre events.

8. Colne Grand Prix – Tuesday, 16th June 2026

To receive an update on the progress of the Colne Grand Prix which will be held on Tuesday, 16th June 2026. (Information only)

Committee members received an update on the progress of the Colne Grand Prix which will be held slightly earlier this year on Tuesday, 16th June 2026.

9. Colne Gala – Saturday, 20th June 2026

To receive an update on the progress of the Colne Gala which will be held on Saturday, 20th June 2026. (Information only)

Committee members received an update on the progress of the Colne Gala which will be held on Saturday, 20th June 2026.

10. Family Fun Day – Sunday, 26th July 2026

To receive an update on the progress of the Family Fun Day which will be held on Sunday, 26th July 2026. (Information only)

Committee members received an update on the progress of the Family Fun Day which will be held on Sunday, 26th July 2026.

11. Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival 2026

To receive an update on the progress of the Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival which will be held from Friday, 28th August to Sunday, 30th August 2026. (Decision required)

Committee members received an update on the progress of the Great British Rhythm & Blues Festival over the August Bank Holiday. Members were also informed that a request had come in from Bees Knees about erecting a marquee for the Blues Festival.

It was proposed to authorise Bees Knees to erect the marquee for the Blues Festival on the condition that:

- *Marquee will be erected and removed each day and must not be left up overnight*
- *The music in the marquee needs to be fitting with the festival*
- *The marquee needs to be sufficiently weighted and risk assessed.*
- *The marquee must have it's own security staff separate to the normal venue security.*
- *Colne Town Council need to be indemnified against any issues caused by the Marquee.*
- *Outdoor music needs to finish no later than 10pm*

Proposed by: Cllr. A Bell
Approved by Committee

Seconded by: Cllr. M Thomas

12. Remembrance Sunday – Sunday, 8th November 2026

To receive an update on the progress of the Remembrance Sunday parade which will be held on Sunday, 8th November 2026. (Information only)

Committee members received an update on the progress of the Remembrance Sunday parade which will be held on Sunday, 8th November 2026.

ACTION: Events Officer to speak to Parade Marshall to come up with a plan for the parade reforming after the service.

13. Colne Christmas Light Switch On – Saturday, 28th November 2026

To receive an update on the progress of the Colne Christmas Light Switch On which will be held on Saturday, 28th November 2026. (Information only)

Committee members also received an update on the plans for the 2026 Colne Christmas Light Switch On which will be held on Saturday, 28th November 2026.

14. Update from Colne BID

To receive an update from Colne BID. (Information only)

Due to no attendance from the BID manager, the Events Officer provided a brief update.

ACTION: Events Officer to invite BID manager to the next meeting.

15. Items for a future month's 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.

Committee members raised the following items for a future month's agenda:

- *Standard for Remembrance Parade*
- *Blues Festival Budget*

16. Date & Time of Next Regular Meeting

The next Events Committee meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 14th July 2026

Meeting concluded at 7.37pm