

FULL COUNCIL

24th JANUARY 2022

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

As requested, Cllr Wilson and Officers have been considering options and developing ideas to help the community mark the Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

We are contacting groups, businesses and organisations to establish what might already be being planned.

Ideas for the Council to develop that are being explored so far, to fit with the official weekend of events:

- **Lighting a beacon on the evening of 2nd June**
Consider a gas, or other kind of beacon, possibly an electric beam into the sky, as part of the beacon lighting across the Commonwealth. Could also include choirs, town crier and other elements as suggested by the organisers.
- **Souvenir Programme**
Consider working with a local publication to produce a stand-alone commemorative programme, containing historical information of the last 70 years, previous royal jubilees and details of events happening this year.
- **Street party on Sunday 5th June**
Consider closing Fore Street to allow a lunchtime street party. Possibly the Town Council to supply hired tables, benches & entertainment. Attendees to buy food from local businesses or bring a picnic.
- **The Queen's Green Canopy**
To consider including the Woodland Trust funded tree planting on Town Council land in Spring 2022 as part of this campaign.
- **Arts projects**
Work with local arts groups and other groups. Investigate funding opportunities.
- **Watermark Event**
Consider showing the 'Party at the Palace' in the cinema. Opportunity for those alone or others who want to celebrate the event as a community and with others.
- **Involving businesses**
Consider a best dressed business, shop window competition etc.
- **Commemorative items**
Consider producing a mug and/or pin badge for sale/distribution.
- **Promotion**
Coordinate the listing of events on Facebook and the Town Council Website.

As well as officer time, there will be a volunteer requirement to support the delivery of some of these elements. Members are requested to make themselves available wherever possible by putting themselves forwards to help organise any of these

individual elements, or be present on the day of events over the course of the long weekend.

There is a budget line in the 2022-2023 budget for Community Events/Jubilee of £1500 (if agreed), and also a reserve for Festivals/Community Events - which if required a formal request will be made to allocate some funds from that if a case can be made.

The Council is **recommended** to support the proposals, suggest any further ideas for consideration and where possible put their names forward to assist in the development and organisation of the weekend.

Jonathan Parsons
Town Clerk