

FULL COUNCIL

23rd January 2023

ARTS PROJECT PROPOSAL

The following proposal has been received from Ivybridge Community Arts.

The possible budgets that could be used to contribute to this project if the Council wanted to are:

Current year budget:

4299/102 Public Realm/Localism (£2,500 budget remaining)

Reserves:

9104/901 Festivals/Community Events (£6,703)

9207/902 Mayoral Projects (£1,080 accumulated during Cllr Laity's time as Mayor)

The Arts group are firming up their costings and an update may be available for the meeting.

There is a £1,500 revenue budget (plus any sponsorship) set for next year which would be for any further Town Council activity regarding the coronation or other community events. Christmas has a separate budget. The Watermark team are planning self-financing ticketed events at The Watermark for the coronation, and a further update from the Chamber of Commerce meeting (17/01/2023) will be provided as to any activity they have planned.



“KITES FOR A KING”

Ivybridge Community Arts (ICA) is planning "A Kite Festival" to coincide as closely as possible with the Coronation of King Charles III. We want to involve and partner with other local groups and organisations to make this special celebration as enjoyable and successful as possible.

The project will begin with kite-making workshops where people can design and make their own kites. Afterwards, weather permitting, we could attempt to fly the results. There will be competitions and small prizes for example, for who's kite flies highest / fastest / farthest, and who has the best design.

If the weather is wet, we have discovered a web-site about "indoor kite-flying" ...

<https://www.my-best-kite.com/how-to-make-indoor-kites.html>

We will invite local shops to put together window displays relating to kites and would like to display some of our creations in and around the town, for example, in the Watermark and the Library.

There will be story-telling about kites, exhibitions and we hope to sponsor a showing of "Mary Poppins" with a prize for the best child / adult fancy dress.

We intend to organise a "kite poetry" competition with prizes for adults and children.

A local celebrity has agreed to give a talk on the history of kites.

We are open to suggestions about other activities.

One suggestion was that we could decorate Fore Street by hanging kites across the street in a similar way to the Christmas decorations. This would, of course, look beautiful and would make the town very festive for the Coronation. However, there are obviously costs involved in this and time is of the essence. (More information below).

BUDGET:

The project can be as simple as a trestle table with piles of recycled and recyclable materials where people could have a go at making their own kites. This would be relatively cheap.

Costs increase as we add on other activities, such as the film (film-hire and hire of Watermark for the film), hire of premises for the workshops, hire of premises for the history talk, prizes for competitions. We have started to gather quotations for these activities but, unfortunately, Christmas has caused more delay than we anticipated. However, we can organise the content of our project according to any funding we are able to attract.

We have already approached District and County Councillors and, so far, one has kindly offered £100. Hopefully, others will join in.

As far as we can see, there is no specific funding for activities to celebrate the Coronation. It seems as though some Councils are offering their own. Should that be the case in Ivybridge, we would be most grateful if you would kindly consider supporting our project financially as well as in person.

BUDGET FOR FORE STREET DECORATIONS:

We have been in contact with a company who will make bespoke kites to hang from our wires at a cost of between £50 and £150 per item. Until we are able to give specific requirements, they are unable to be more precise with these figures. If we hang, say, 4 kites from each of the 5 wires, prices would obviously range from £1000 to £3000.

The same company have quoted for installation and removal of the items but this is prohibitive.

However, if we order the bespoke kites, the company who install our Christmas lights might be able to install them at a much cheaper rate (closer to £1000). Jonathan is checking this for us.

We would be unlikely to be able to achieve a successful funding bid for Fore Street decorations in time for the Coronation. Although we started our planning in November, Christmas has caused more delays than we anticipated in getting quotations. Most funders have a lead-time of 12 weeks which would not leave enough time to have the kites made.

If we are to go ahead, we need to order the bespoke items as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention.

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