

DISS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the **Carnival Sub-Committee** held at Diss Town Council Offices on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7pm.

In attendance: T. Howard (TH)
Cllr S. Browne (SB)
C. Halil (CH)
K. Jaynes (KJ)
Cllr S. Kiddie (SK)
Andy Rackham (AR)
J. Mayes (JM)
L. Montgomerie (LM)
Alex Rackham (ALR)
S. Villafuerte-Richards (SV-R)
R. Ludkin (RL)
Cllr J. Robertson (JR)
Cllr D. Collins (DC)

CA0924/1 Apologies

There were no apologies received.

CA0924/2 Election of Chair

Members considered the election of a Chair for Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025. It was

RESOLVED: To elect Tammy Howard as Chair of the Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025.
(Action: Committee, immediately)

CA0924/3 Election of Vice-Chair

Members considered the election of a Vice-Chair for Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025. It was

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Sue Kiddie as Vice-Chair of the Diss Carnival sub-committee 2025.
(Action: Committee, immediately)

CA0924/4 Minutes

Members considered the minutes from the last meeting of the carnival committee. It was

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the de-brief meeting on 25th June 2024 were a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

CA0924/5 Declarations of Interest

AL-R said possible declaration of interest with stage/lighting. AR is member of RBL & Remembrance / VE & VJ Day committees.

CA0624/6 Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

CA0924/7 Items of URGENT Business

There were no items of urgent business.

CA0924/8 Date of Carnival 2025

Members suggested Sunday 8th June as the date of Diss Carnival 2025, which is the traditional date for Carnival one week before Father's Day. It was

RESOLVED: That Sunday 8th June would be proposed as the date for Diss Carnival at the next Facilities committee meeting on 9th October
(Action: SV-R, for Facilities Committee Meeting on 09.10.24)

CA0924/9 Theme

Members discussed a theme for Diss Carnival 2025. SV-R shared the suggestion of a combined event to celebrate VE/VJ Day (80th anniversary year), which came forward following a meeting with that committee the previous week. TH, LM & CH raised several concerns around the VE/VJ theme not appealing to everyone, difficulty in getting the right themed entertainment for children and the sensitivities given those living in the area affected by war. SB thought it could be difficult to get the performers if there are lots of other similar themed events going on around that time of year for VE/VJ Day.

SB shared other theme suggestions: coastal/seaside fun, Farm festivals, Folk Festival, Carnival of colours, nature and green living, Royal Norfolk, vintage theme, Victorian carnival. CH suggested Kings and Queens.

AR suggested having a theme around dance & music from different decades which could incorporate a 1940s era to combine with VE/VJ ideas.

AL-R could see how the theme could work if done sensitively and suggested putting feelers out on social media to see if this theme would be supported by the community.

A space theme was also proposed, and the committee will go away and look at more ideas for this.

Concerns were raised around the impact of another event for VE / VJ day on KJ's workload if Carnival was to have an alternative theme. LM and CH offered to help with the administrative items. KJ to review task list and delegate responsibilities to committee members.

(Action: KJ by next meeting)

A report summarising the discussion would be presented to the next Facilities committee meeting and committee members would consider options before the next meeting.

(Action: SV-R / Committee, by next meeting)

CA0924/10 Member Updates

The committee received and noted updates from members not reported elsewhere on this agenda. RL raised the issue of storing equipment after the Fun Day and suggested a storage container on the Park so everything can be kept in one place after the event and easier to sort afterwards. A report will be presented to the Facilities committee.

(Action: RL & SV-R, by next meeting)

CA0924/11 Date of Future Meeting

The next date for the Carnival Committee will be on Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at: 9pm.

SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
T. Howard