

Girton Parish Council

Events Committee Annual Report

May 30, 2024

EVENTS? I chose this name for the committee, aware that it can seem ambiguous. So, what is an event? I offer some definitions here, followed with a distillation that I have used to define a possible mission statement for the events committee.

The term "event" can have several meanings depending on the context, but here are a few common definitions:

- 1. ****General Definition****: An occurrence or happening, especially one of some importance.*
- 2. ****Social and Cultural Context****: A planned public or social occasion, such as a concert, conference, festival, wedding, or sporting competition.*
- 3. ****Philosophical and Theoretical Context****: In philosophy, an event can refer to a particular point in space and time where something occurs, which is often contrasted with the concept of a state.*

I have chosen to apply the following as the suggested defining mission statement for the "Events Committee:

"An event takes place when something, (planned or spontaneous), occurs at a defined location and time and can be assigned a degree of some social and cultural importance, significance and/or value to our community."

The GPC events committee can be called upon to undertake attending, consulting, leading, supporting, evaluating, and celebrating events and for reporting on them afterwards. In addition. The committee can convene to plan, create, and conduct events on behalf of GPC.

The resources of the committee are the skills and experience of the people who make up the committee. Any equipment, tools etc., and money that is available in the committee's reserves via GPC's budgeting.

Grants and other funding that can be sought from external agencies. The members of the committee may choose to change roles in accordance with the requirements of individual events. Smaller working groups can also be formed as required.

The most recent event was the Annual Parish Meeting, held on 15th May 2024. Feedback suggests that the main aims of this event. (To generate wide ranging public engagement and curate an overview of public expectations, requirements, and feedback.) were met. There was a higher-than-average attendance than the previous year and a wider range of themes were explored. Feedback from attendees has been largely positive.

I would like to formally thank our Clerk/RFO, Yvonne Murray. Her support and enthusiasm were invaluable in the management of this event. Also, James Nunn for the fabulous film and photographic footage. One unsung hero is Mr. Robert Murray, a member of the events committee, who assisted with a lot of the unseen and often unrecognised tasks. A most heartfelt thank you to Naohn, community representative of the Girton Co-op for the kind

donation of snacks and refreshments, to Rowena Barnes for going the extra mile with providing alcoholic and soft drinks on a sale or return basis.

The budget for this event currently stands at £160. This has been kept minimal thanks to the generous donation of sundry items by Yvonne and Robert Murray, Anne Muston.

The next meeting will be convened for mid-June. The agenda will be to plan the GPC activities at the Girton Feast. Receive any requests for our support in other village events and to decide on a date in July for the planning meeting for our Christmas lights and celebrations in December.

“When the best leader's work is done, the people say, "We did it ourselves."” Lao Tzu.

I look forward to working with you all again soon.

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