Events and Communications committee update on Town Hall project interim period activities 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023.

- Town Hall project leaflet redesign to include updated information. 300 printed (£69)
- Attendance at the First Light Festival on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Located in Kensington Gardens Memories bike was set up to promote local heritage organisations and a FREEE stained glass inspired craft activity was delivered. Interacted with 136 people directly between 12noon to 4.30pm. The stained glass activity proved very popular and at busy times unfortunately some families had to be told to come back later. Some did but potentially could have had at least another 20 direct interactions. I made a point of dropping into conversation a question of where people had come from and the vast majority, (approx. 110) were from Lowestoft.
- Town Hall Facebook page updated during June with posts relating to LTC, the launch
  of the East Coast College students exhibition in the Virtual Town Hall <u>A Study of
  Lowestoft and The Sea SeekBeak</u> (Fishing News are interested in running an article on the
  exhibition) and also the stained glass activity. Reel about First Light attendance has
  received 604 plays on Town Hall Facebook page.

My proposal allocated attendance at 4 summer events. Below is a list of 3 that I propose to attend please could the committee confirm that they are happy with this:

- **15th July 1940s weekend** Attendance with Memories bike in 1940s costume and see if can borrow 1940s handling collection items from local museum's collections. (Will need to confirm that there is space with organisers)
- **3**<sup>rd</sup> **August Love parks week** Attendance in Sparrows nest park on Thursday when Andy the Clown is in the park. Promote the Museums in the park with heritage related activity.
- 5<sup>th</sup> August LTC Pride event-Chris Meek has said that there would be space in the arts and heritage area of the event for attendance with the Memories Bike

I would welcome suggestions for another event to attend over the summer. Is there an event happening in one of the other areas in Lowestoft? Possibly link with the Library at the beach or an event in St Nicholas Everitt Park?

I will also be running 6 heritage inspired craft activities at different Food In School Holidays sessions over the summer holidays.

Heritage Open Days- Please could the committee confirm that they would be happy for me to run an activity (Memories bike and associated heritage craft) at the 1880s weekend events to be run by the Seagull theatre in the High Street during Heritage Open Days 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September. If so, I will register this on the HOD's website. Is there any possibility that an element of the Town Hall would be safe enough to open to the public? Restricted tours to the Council Chamber?