

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
Date	21 September 2021
Agenda Item	7e

To consider giving support to the running of the Christmas Fayre in 2021

Cllr Smith has for the past 6 years run the Christmas Fayre in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, and previously the Town Team. The Town Team Funds have been placed with HTC for safekeeping, and currently stand at £3,487.

In 2021, the Chamber of Commerce has shown no interest in running the Fayre, and in fact has recently told members of the public that it is cancelled, in spite of the fact that Cllr Smith had already told them that she had been making preparations, in the knowledge that they might need to be cancelled later. The Chamber have mentioned that the event should be run by the Council. They had previously provided funds for the set-up before any money was taken.

Cllr Smith has asked if funds sitting in the Town Team Fund account could be used for the set-up and to book the entertainment. The funds from the stallholders' fees will then be returned to the Town Team Fund account, but these may not cover the initial sum borrowed. Precise figures will be provided. In light of the Chamber's comment, she has also asked whether this event should be a Town Council event, which would then need the involvement of councillors and maybe staff members year on year. The Christmas Fayre is a community event, from which any profit will be deposited back into the Town Team Funds account, although the profit from the sale of raffle tickets will be forwarded to the Mayor's charity fund.

Recommendation:

1. That HTC allows the organisers of the Christmas Fayre to use funds from the Town Team Fund account, on the understanding that the funds raised from the stallholders are paid into the Town Team Fund account once the Fayre has been held.
2. That the Fayre should come under the aegis of HTC, to be managed by councillors.

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