

**MINUTES OF THE RIBBLE VALLEY EVENT SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP  
THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 AT 2:00PM**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Winston Robinson (Chair)	RVBC
	Jason Middleton	RVBC
	Mark Beveridge	RVBC
	Katharine Collinge	RVBC
	Matt Riding	RVBC
	Gary Hennighan	Lancashire Police
	Sgt Kevin Day	Lancashire Police
	Gary Makin	Lancashire Police
	Samantha Edwards	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
	Colin Hickson	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
	Wes Trurow	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
	Kirsty Miller	LCC
	Organisers of the Beatherder Festival	

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received Claire Pearson (Lancashire Police)

**BEATHERDER FESTIVAL**

The festival will be taking place on 14, 15, 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

The organisers provided a summary of the 2022 festival. It was noted that it all went smoothly and good weather prevailed.

For this year's festival, there are no changes in terms of the contractors, the traffic management company or the staging and welfare companies. Tickets are selling well and it is anticipated that it will reach capacity. This is the second time that the festival will open on Thursday and the timetable of events was discussed.

Discussion took place surrounding the number of tickets that had been sold for under 18 years olds. It was quite a low number of 71 tickets, but the organisers are hoping this will increase. Safeguarding issues were discussed in respect of younger entrants.

There will be CCTV on site again and it was noted that there will be a great security presence. The festival will be using wristbands for those entering and it will have their name on the band. There will also be an increased number of cashless stalls.

The organisers noted that there were a couple of complaints made about the festival after it had taken place. These related to the festival going on until 4am on the Friday and Saturday night and one in relation to noise at approximately 2am on one evening. This complaint may have related to some campers in one area having brought their own sound system.

One neighbour had raised concerns regarding the amount of rubbish after the festival and there was a suggestion to increase the litter picking.

There was discussion with police Licensing Sergeant as to the mandatory conditions to provide free waters at the bars and how this could be achieved.

It was confirmed that from a policing level, the organisers feel that they could manage the site with less police. However, the point of entry to the festival is key and they would like the support of police in this area. There will still be an open door policy for police to walk around the festival.

The organisers advised that they had sent out the Event Management Plan prior to the meeting, but this had not been received. It was emailed to Jenny Martin during the meeting and thereafter circulated electronically. It was agreed that the Event Management Plan needed consideration. Rather than invite the Beatherder organisers to another ESAG meeting, if individuals have any concerns, they will contact the organisers directly.

Beatherder left the meeting at 2:52pm

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 / UPCOMING EVENTS**

There was a recap of the events that had been discussed at the previous meeting that are upcoming:

**Chipping Steam Fair** – It was re-iterated about the potential traffic problem entering the site, and particularly if emergency vehicles should need to enter. In 2022 there was a lot of standing traffic and the event is getting increase numbers attending. Gary Makin will liaise with the organiser about this.

**Royal Lancashire County Show** – it was noted that the numbers attending this event are increasing. They do have a traffic management plan in place. It is an event that takes place over 3 days and it was noted that it is a well organized event.

The insurance document that they had originally submitted has now expired. Jenny Martin is to chase the updated insurance with the organisers.

**Ribble Valley Scooter Rally** – Winston has spoken to Lancashire County Council and it's felt important that they have proper traffic management in place (just for a few hours). It was also noted that they need to have people marshalling on the street at the event as well. Winston will discuss with the organiser about this.

**Beatherder Festival** – The Event Management Plan had just been circulated but it was noted that there was some contradictions within the plan. This needs to be given further consideration.

The possibility of having a desktop exercise with the Beatherder organisers was mooted and also the level of police presence at the event.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Once Rebecca Tait returns from maternity leave on 1<sup>st</sup> June, a further meeting will be arranged.

The meeting concluded at 3.11pm