

**MINUTES OF THE RIBBLE VALLEY EVENT SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP
TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024 AT 2:00PM**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Winston Robinson (Chair)	RVBC
	Adam Allen	RVBC
	Andrew Dent	RVBC
	Mair Hill	RVBC
	Rebecca Hodgson	RVBC (Clerk)
	Rick Ogdin	Lancashire Police
	Duncan Hall	Lancashire Police
	James Hesketh	Lancashire Police
	Gary Brook	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
	Glen Dinsdale	Lancashire Fire & Rescue
	Jason Eddings	North West Ambulance Service
	Matt Dugdale	North West Ambulance Service
	Ribble Valley Scooter Rally Representatives	
	Beatherder Representatives	

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Katherine Collinge (RVBC) and Stephen Cheetham (Lancs Fire & Rescue).

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the 29 February 2024 were reviewed.

The Chairman noted that he was still in discussions with LCC regarding the access road to the Hodder Valley Show and had suggested that a one-way system was necessary. The LCC Traffic Management Manager would be satisfied to have a traffic management company manage the one-way system on the day with no order required, subject to a satisfactory traffic management plan and sufficient signposting.

The Chairman also confirmed the works to Castle Street were expected to be concluded before food festival.

RIBBLE VALLEY SCOOTER RALLY

The event was due to take place on 28 September 2024. In advance of the meeting, the event organiser provided the group with the event details and public liability insurance. The organiser attended the meeting.

The Chairman noted that concerns had been raised following the event in 2023 regarding a large number of pedestrians in the road. The organiser confirmed that Kays were doing the traffic management for 2024. A steward would be permanently located at the Castle Gates and barriers would be in place rather than cones. It was suggested that more stewards were required. It was confirmed that a TPCA had been applied for and noted that traffic restrictions would not apply on the day of the rally due to the TPCA. The organiser raised a concern regarding new street furniture being installed as part of the ongoing works to Castle and the Chairman confirmed that mainly bollards were being installed to prevent parking on the footway.

The organiser left the meeting and the Beatherder organisers entered.

BEATHERDER

The event was due to take place between the 18 and 20 July 2024. The event organisers read out a recent press release which explained that the Festival had made changes for 2024 due to increased costs. The capacity had been reduced to 10k bodies total (from 20k) including 2.5k crew and the organisers confirmed that provisions and management would be the same as before, including:

- robust ticket procedure
- steel shields around the site
- gold standard welfare
- vanguardia noise management
- medical provisions

The organisers talked the group through a map of the new condensed festival site and there would be around 15/16 stages in 2024 as opposed to 22/23 stages in 2023. Around 6k tickets had been sold to date and they expected to reach capacity.

It was confirmed that there would be designated Fire Marshals and Lancashire Fire & Rescue advised that they would link with the organisers after the meeting to discuss specifics and would visit the site. The organisers felt that, in the event of an emergency, access to the site would be improved by the new layout as the camping was located at the front of the site with gated access straight into the camping area. The medical and safeguarding team would be located together within the site. The noise management plan was expected to be sent out within the week. It was anticipated that an RVBC rep would visit the event to confirm adherence to the terms of the licence.

The Chief Inspector for Ribble Valley advised the group that they had met with the organisers who had requested removal of Police presence in line with the reduced event. The Chief Inspector felt that without police presence it would not be a safe event. It had been agreed to adjust policing resources however an agreement was yet to be reached. The Police would be submitting a proposal for the organisers to consider. The Chairman requested to be kept updated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Chairman worked through the calendar of events.

The group discussed the Waddington Duck Race and noted that a road closure would be in place rerouting traffic off the main street, and a Park & Ride would be available.

In regard to Clitheroe Food Festival, it was noted that in 2023 fire hydrants had been obstructed by stalls. The Chairman would report the matter to the Director responsible for the Food Festival.

REQUESTED TPCAs

There were no matters raised.

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There were no matters raised.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A further meeting would be arranged for September 2024.