Minutes from the ITC 50th anniversary working group held on 6th March 2024 by Teams

Attending: Cllr Jenner-Hurford, Cllr Gunn, Cllr Osborne, Vicky Freeman (Admin Officer) and Becky Maggs (Admin Officer)

The working group discussed various ideas to bring to full council on 19th March 2024.

One idea was holding a 70's style themed night at the Shrubbery Hotel on 6th September 2024. The event could involve a 2 course carvery at 7.30pm, which will be £20 per head for up to 100 people and then maybe sell entertainment tickets from 9pm for maybe another 50 people at £10 per head. The working group thought the entertainment could be provided by an Ilminster based/ local band. The event must be cost neutral and ITC to incur no costs. All proceeds from the event will be donated to charity. It was suggested the charities should be Ilminster based charities. We could ask local charities to apply to us and we could ask the public to choose, maybe 2, charities. We would also need the charities to provide people to help us on the evening with a tombola/raffle. We could ask all the local businesses to donate tombola/raffle prizes. There is also the opportunity of having an event photo booth and maybe a casino.

We could also run a find 50 things event over the school summer holidays, with a small prize for the winner.

Speak to Steve Sowden about doing a double page spread of 50 years of ITC and he can sell advertising on the page to local businesses.

A newsletter about the history of Ilminster, maybe interview previous Councillors and Clerks over the 50 last years.

A history display in the window at The Emporium.

A Civic service at The Minster.