

This extract from the minutes are submitted with a view to demonstrate time lines for action and the support made available to the organisers; actions that are being acted upon, in some cases, in the days leading up to the licensing hearing on the 30th of June.

I would refer members to the Risk Assessment comment. Sadly Mr Jayme Carne is away on an extended period of sickness but confirms the organisers were advised at this SAG that they have not the experience or qualification to act as competent person for this event - please refer to Mr Carnes email dated 23 June 2014 (*Copy below*). I find it a concern that the risk assessment with this premises licence application was completed by a person not competent to undertake this role and only on the 20th of June was such a competent person contracted in (Greenlight Safety Consultancy – named in the EMP) - awaiting confirmation of this statement from Greenlight Safety Consultancy.

As of today – 23rd June 2014 – I have not received sight of this risk assessment or confirmation of the competent person having undertaken it. Without a Risk Assessment undertaken by a competent person the public safety concerns I raise are still unaddressed.

Minutes from the Mid Devon safety Advisory Group – 23 April 2014.

Sunset Festival – 28 August – 1 September

Reps in attendance: Duncan Thomas, Paul Bacon, Andrew Cornforth and Spencer O’Shea

Risk Assessment

Jayme asked who completed the risk assessment. This was done by Paul Bacon, who will be the named safety contact for the event. The organisers do have another company locally who they can employ if needed.

From: Jayme Carne

Sent: 23 June 2014 17:04

To: Tom Jones; Thomas Keating

Subject: Sunset Festival 2014

With reference to the Premises Licence Application for the Sunset Festival 2014 I report that I did raise health and safety management accountability at the Safety Advisory Group in April and the Licensee responded to me at the time as minuted that he was to put himself forward as the person responsible. I then questioned his competency taking on this important role and he said that he had booked himself onto a General Safety Certificate National Examination Board for Safety and Health (NEBOSH). I would point out that this alone would not necessarily make a person qualified nor competent to take on the role managing safety at an outdoor event such as this.

I understand that since then a risk assessment has been produced which is considered to be unsatisfactory and that a Safety Consultant has now been contacted to provide advice. I have no further information to base an opinion on and time is short to meet the necessary confidence that the event is to be managed safely specifically with regard to the E. coli hazard.

J Carne

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