

Full Council meeting – 7th February 2024

Agenda Item 10 - CHARITY EVENT

The Mayor's charity, the Link Visiting Scheme, are keen to hold a joint fundraising event with Cllr Caroline Smith, ETC's current Mayor, and have suggested holding an afternoon tea in April.

Officers have met with Jayne Streak (LV) and offered them use of the Function Room at Maiden Place Community Centre. LV are already in possession of suitable crockery and tableware for a formal afternoon tea event. The function will be ticketed, cost to be determined, and although they are very keen for it to be a joint event with ETC, it will be aimed at LV clients, many of whom have shown a keen interest in such a function before and who would very much enjoy meeting the Mayor (and Deputy Mayor). Jayne expects to sell around 50 tickets.

LV is aware that the cost of the food will reduce any profits (they would like to raise £500 after costs) and asked if there was anything the town council could do to help (apart from providing the venue).

There are funds remaining in our 2023/24 Events budget (approximately £3,000) and, although ETC's events tend to be environment themed, an afternoon tea for LV clients would support ETC's work to reduce loneliness and social isolation (Elizabeth Room). As ETC will be joint hosts of this event, I would recommend ETC make a financial contribution towards the cost of the food, this enabling the Link Visiting Scheme to maximise its fundraising potential.

Jo Friend
Town Clerk