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1. Purpose

1. To report to the committee on the fireworks display for 2025.

2. Background

1. The annual fireworks display was successfully held on Saturday, 1st November 2025 and attracted a fantastic turnout from local residents and visitors, with the one entrance counting more than 1,500 visitors. The event was designed to provide a safe, enjoyable, and family-friendly evening of entertainment, and feedback indicates that these aims were achieved.

3. Programme of events

1. 'Gates' opened at 6 pm, allowing attendees time to explore the array of food stalls on offer.
2. Music provided by the M.C (Cllr Nick Howells)
3. The fireworks display began at 7 pm, but not before the usual countdown from 10. The display lasted approximately 15 - 20 minutes.

4. Fireworks display

1. The display was provided by Festival Fireworks, alongside music played by our M.C., Cllr Nick Howells. A variety of fireworks were used throughout the display. The grand finale received enthusiastic applause from the audience.

5. Safety & stewards.

1. A full risk assessment was constructed before the event
2. Trained first aid staff on site at all times and an arm band was worn during the event, so they could be easily identified.
3. Safety crowd line with stewards in place whilst the display took place.
4. Collaboration with local emergency services
5. Clear signage regarding sparklers and Muster points

6. Vendors

1. Food and refreshment stalls offering an array of different food and drink options to suit everyone.
2. Flashing light toys on sale

7. Feedback

1. Early feedback collected through comments and social media has been positive. Many noted a smooth organisation, great atmosphere and a great display.
2. Feedback was gathered via an online Microsoft Forms survey circulated shortly after the event. A total of 11 responses were received from attendees, local residents, and one catering vendor. Responses included quantitative ratings (e.g. Excellent / Good / Fair) and qualitative comments.
3. Overall sentiment toward the event was strongly positive and most respondents indicated they would definitely or probably attend again.
4. Areas for improvement included sound and music, bonfire, parking and access management and smoother trader logistics.

8. Finances & Budget

1. The budget for 2025 was £2000 in income and £2500 in expenditure. Spend to date shows £2513.65 in income and £2186.48 in expenditure. One outstanding invoice is remaining for a vendor.
2. Income is broken down as:
    1. Donations - £2158.65.
    2. Vendors - £355

9. Recommendation

1. Increase the number of pre-show activities, possibly including an expansion of the music provision e.g. live acts prior to the event.
2. Explore ways in which to resolve the sound issues.
3. Continue strong focus on safety and accessibility and consider external first aid provision.
4. Increase the budget for a better fireworks display.