

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

14 JULY 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Robinson (in the Chair); Councillors Cooke, Deacon, Mrs Grady, Hinchcliffe, Mrs Moorhouse and Peat.

Also in attendance: Mr K. Walker (Barnard Castle Business Guild); Mr R. Welsby and Ms J. Whitaker (The Bowes Museum).

Officer: Mrs Plant (Deputy Clerk).

18. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES: None.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 72(a)/Sep/12 refers), Members were asked whether they had any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members were reminded that a declaration could be given later in the meeting if a need arose during discussion. Councillor Hinchcliffe declared a personal interest in Minute 27(ii) and Councillors Mrs Grady and Robinson declared a personal interest in Minute 27(iii).

20. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 19 MAY 2014 – MINUTES

Resolved – That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record.

21. 2014 SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS TASK & FINISH GROUP MEETING – 15 MAY 2014 – NOTES

Resolved – That the Notes be received.

22. 2014 AUTUMN/WINTER EVENTS TASK & FINISH GROUP MEETING – 15 MAY 2014 – NOTES

Resolved – That the Notes be received.

23. 2014 SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS TASK & FINISH GROUP MEETING – 13 JUNE 2014 – NOTES

Resolved – That the Notes be received.

24. COMMUNITY EVENTS

i) Mayoral Event

It was confirmed that, in respect of the Mayor's Charity fundraising event, a formal cheque presentation to the Teesdale YMCA had taken place and that £621.18 was the subsequent donation amount.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

ii) 2014 Summer Events

a) *Scar Top Events* - It was confirmed that arrangements for the Summer Events programme were in hand and, that whilst publicity/press releases had commenced for each event, further efforts should be made to promote the events as widely as possible.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

b) *The Bowes Museum – World War 1 'Lights Out' Event* - It was reported that, on 4 August, between the hours of 10-11pm, communities across the UK had been invited to switch out their lights – placing a single candle in the window as a simple and powerful symbol of commemoration of the start of the First World War. It was confirmed that The Bowes Museum was building on this theme by proposing a candle-lit procession, to include local community groups, etc., within the grounds of the Museum. Mr Welsby and Ms Whitaker answered members' questions in respect of the event.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted.

(b) That approval be given for use of the council's metal framed lanterns.

iii) **2014 Autumn/Winter Events**

It was confirmed that arrangements for the 'Victorian' themed 2014 Christmas Event had commenced.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

iv) **Mayoral Christmas Card Competition**

It was confirmed that entry forms and details of the competition had been sent out to the relevant schools and a generic version was circulated for members' information. Members who had direct links with the schools involved were requested to encourage participation.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

v) **Remembrance Sunday**

It was confirmed that initial preparations for Remembrance Sunday had commenced. Organisations were currently being contacted for their wreath requirements, order would be placed with The Royal British Legion for supplies later this month and that the majority of the arrangements would be finalised during September.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

25. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAY 2014/15

There was no update to report in respect of the Christmas Lighting Display 2014/15.

26. POPPY APPEAL

It was confirmed that the 2013 Poppy Appeal official closed at the end of September 2014 and it was hoped that a final total for the appeal would be available for the Partnership Committee meeting in October.

Notwithstanding, details of the preparations for 2014 local poppy appeal were outlined and that Councillor volunteers would be sought nearer the time to assist with this.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

27. GRANTS TO OTHER BODIES

Submitted – In accordance with the Terms of Reference of Council and Committees 2014/15 and the Financial Donations Policy, a report summarising the financial donations situation. It was confirmed that this Council's 2014/15 budgetary allocation for financial donations was £3,000 and that this was the first meeting of 2014/15. It was reported that the following applications had been received:-

(i) **Durham County Brass Band Association** – support towards continuing work of the organisation and projects during 2014/15. It was noted that no previous requests had been received from this organisation.

Resolved – That a donation of £100 be made to the Durham County Brass Band Association towards continuing work of the organisation and projects during 2014/15 and that the DCBBA considers taking part in a town council future event.

(ii) **Citizens Advice County Durham** – support towards travel expenses for new volunteers. It was noted that one previous donation had been made to this organisation (Teesdale CAB).

Resolved – That a donation of £300 be made to Citizens Advice County Durham towards travel expenses for new volunteers.

(iii) **Teesdale Community Resources** – support towards equipment for Teesdale Duke of Edinburgh Project. It was noted that no previous requests had been received from this organisation.

Resolved – That a donation of £800 be made to Teesdale Community Resources towards equipment for Teesdale Duke of Edinburgh Project.