

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

9 FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Robinson (Chair); Councillors Deacon, Cooke, Peat, Hinchcliffe until Minute 54(h), Mrs Grady, Mrs Moorhouse (until Minute 57.) and; Mrs S. Wilkinson (Barnard Castle Business Guild).

Also in attendance: Mr and Mrs A. Harley and Mr C. Larcombe (Barnard Castle Vintage Rally Group); Mr G. Harris and Mrs S. Dixon (The Bowes Museum); one member of the public and two members of the press.

Officers: Mr King (Town Clerk) and Mrs Woodward (Deputy Clerk).

49. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Mr R. Welsby.

Resolved – That Mr Welsby's apologies be accepted.

50. 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 Mrs Moorhouse declared an interest in respect of Minute 57 and resolved to leave the meeting at that point.

51. BARNARD CASTLE VINTAGE RALLY GROUP

Three members of the group delivered a presentation about Barnard Castle 2015 Vintage Weekend on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September at Streatlam Farm. Plans included display of vintage and classic vehicles, an antiques valuation event, crafts and vintage collectors fair. A satellite display in the town was planned on both days and a vintage bus transporting public from Streatlam to town. The Guild offered business support. The town council was asked to support and promote the weekend.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted and;
(b) That support be considered at the Committee events task and finish group.

52. THE BOWES MUSEUM – YVES SAINT LAURENT EXHIBITION

Staff from The Bowes Museum presented details of the forthcoming exhibition from 11 July to 25 October 2015: the biggest exhibition since 1992 and showing only at the Bowes Museum. It is expected to bring in new audiences, both national and international. It was noted that coach bookings have already been made and that the town and businesses would benefit from additional visitors and publicity. The Guild offered to get involved and would produce new town maps distributed to coach companies. The town council was asked to support and assist in promoting the exhibition. Suggestions from members included a French themed floral display in the town and a wider leaflet promoting the town.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted
(b) That Town Council members act as ambassadors for the town and;
(c) That support be considered at the Committee events task and finish group.

53. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 1 DECEMBER 2014 – MINUTES

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

54. COMMUNITY EVENTS:

(a) Mayoral Community Carol Service

Received – Information about the Churches Together Community Carol Service on Saturday 6 December, at the Methodist Church. Mayoral representatives attended from 7 councils across County Durham and North Yorkshire and were very impressed with the event. The Town Council received excellent feedback. Proceeds from the event went to the Mayors nominated charity for 2014/15, Teesdale Community Resources 'The Hub'.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(b) Remembrance Sunday

There was no update.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(c) Poppy Appeal

There was no update.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(d) Mayoral Event 24 April 2015

An event was proposed on Friday 24 April to mark the end of the current Town Mayor's year of office. As a self-financing event, the Committee was asked to give formal approval. It was confirmed that there would be no expenditure from the 2015 events budget.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted; and
(b) That formal approval be given to the Mayoral event.

(e) Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth 9 March 2015

Pursuant to Council minute 72/Sept/14, Barnard Castle Town Council purchased a Commonwealth flag and committed to flying the flag on 9 March 2015 10am on Scar Top, at a flag raising ceremony led by the Town Mayor. Teesdale School confirmed involvement of its student leadership team and it was noted that local primary school had been invited to participate.

Resolved –(a) That the information be noted; and
(b) That Barnard Castle School Choir be invited to perform at the ceremony.

(f) Easter Promotion

Received – Information that the Guild proposed to turn Barnard Castle into a giant picnic venue over Easter as part of National Picnic Week, with picnic tables in Galgate, Scar Top and the Demesnes. The Committee was asked to promote the event alongside the Guild and to consider Easter themed activities on Scar Top as part of its events programme. Members noted that the county council's position is now that public events taking place on Scar Top are subject to a licence fee of £50 and that a SAG application would be needed.

Resolved – That the information be noted and;

That the Committee consider Easter activities on Scar Top as part of item 54(g) below and at the Events Task and Finish Group.

(g) Events 2015

Received – a report presenting ideas and options for the Council's 2015 Events programme, within the overall budget of £13,589. It was noted that £600 had already been committed to the Medieval Day on Saturday 4 July (Minute 44(iv)(b) refers). Members also noted that events need commitment, with voluntary support from town council members and staff and that support and promotion for events was needed from the community. The Guild offered hands-on support. There was much discussion about the 2014 Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on and Fireworks display held on 5 and 6 December and that it would be more effective to plan and promote as one combined event. A resolution was moved, seconded and passed to re-balance the event budget to be more flexible.

Resolved – (a) That the report be noted.

(b) That a single 2015 Events Task and Finish Group be established, reporting directly to Partnership Committee. Members were determined as Councillors Cooke, Deacon, Robinson, Mrs Moorhouse and Mrs Grady, with other partner representatives in attendance as and when appropriate.

(c) That meetings of the Events Task and Finish Group be held 4 weekly.

(d) That Mayoral events be included in the 2015 events programme.

(e) That a core programme be as follows, (with a defined list of events being determined by the Events Task and Finish Group):

Event	Month
Easter activities	April
Brass Festival	July
Medieval Day	4 July
Streets of...	August
Vintage Rally	September
Christmas Tree Lights 'Switch-on Event' and fireworks	December

(f) That expenditure for 2015 events be as follows, (with flexible expenditure for Summer, Autumn and Winter events to be determined by the Events Task and Finish Group):

Event	Expenditure
Remembrance Sunday	£500

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on	£1500
Medieval Day 4 July	£600
Summer/Autumn/Winter (including Mayoral)	£10,989

(g) That the Christmas Tree Lights 'Switch-on Event' and fireworks be planned and promoted together on one night.

(h) Mayoral Christmas Card Competition 2014 and 2015

Received – a report reviewing the 2014 Mayoral Christmas Card competition, together with a proposal for members to consider an inter-primary school competition for 2015, with winners identified from schools instead of Keystages. It was noted that the 2014 competition appealed more to primary schools and that there was no specific budget allocation for Mayoral Christmas Cards. The Guild offered to donate window space to display shortlisted entries and the Teesdale Mercury newspaper offered to run the competition by printing shortlisted entries and subsequent winners.

Resolved – (a) That the 2015 Mayoral Christmas Card competition be open to primary school age children, regardless of school, and;

(b) That the Teesdale Mercury be used as the medium for selecting winners from a printed shortlist put out to public vote.

55. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING DISPLAY 2014/15 AND 2015/16

Received – a report reviewing the town's 2014/15 Christmas lighting displays, the associated analysis of repairs and costs from Lamplighter and Durham County Council, together with an overview of future costs and issues for future displays. It was noted that a public meeting was arranged for 16 February, open to all, to discuss the future provision of Christmas Lighting in the town.

Resolved – (a) That Councillor Mrs Moorhouse be approved as Chair for the public meeting on 16 February.

(b) That the Clerk provide a briefing of legal parameters.

(c) That following the public meeting, a Special Partnership Committee is called to review proposals and form a 'Christmas Lights Working Group', involving representation from individuals and businesses in the community.

56. ROAD CLOSURE MANAGEMENT TRAINING

It was reported that the training (Minute 52(3)/Feb/14 and Minute 47/Dec/14 refers), which was organised by Durham County Council's events team on Tuesday 3 February was postponed.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

57. GRANTS TO OTHER BODIES: APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL DONATIONS

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 a total of £1,950 had been awarded. £1,050 was available at this meeting. It was reported that the following applications had been received:-

(i) Great North Air Ambulance – support towards the continuing work of the organisation providing Helicopter Emergency Medical Services. It was noted that five previous donations had been made.

Resolved – That no donation be made to Great North Air Ambulance.

(ii) Artworks in Teesdale – support towards creative community activities for community groups in Barnard Castle and surrounding areas. It was noted that there had been no previous requests.

Resolved – That a donation of £400 be made to Artworks in Teesdale.

(iii) Mid Teesdale Project partnership – support towards transport costs to allow group members from Barnard Castle to attend monthly Thursday group for blind and deaf people. It was noted that no previous requests had been made.

Resolved – That a donation of £150 be made to Mid Teesdale Project partnership.

(iv) No Added Sugar – support towards the purchase of a new keyboard for use at performances across Teesdale. It was noted that no previous requests had been made.

Resolved – That a donation of £250 be made to No Added Sugar.

(v) The Northern Dales Richard III Group – support towards the group's costs for activity workshops during the Barnard Castle Ricardian weekend over 3 to 5 July 2015. It was noted that there had been no previous requests.

Resolved – That a donation £250 be made to The Northern Dales Richard III Group to be used specifically for publicity and literature (tickets, flyers, posters and advertising).