

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

13 APRIL 2015

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

Also in attendance: Mr R. Welsby and Ms J. Whitaker (The Bowes Museum); Ms K. Taylor (The Witham).

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

61. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Councillor Robinson.

Resolved – That Councillor Robinson's apologies be accepted.

62. 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.

63. BARNARD CASTLE TREASURES – BANNER PROJECT & LEAFLET

Representatives from The Bowes Museum and The Witham delivered a presentation on the generic banner project for the town, focussing on The Bowes Museum's Yves Saint Laurent exhibition for 2015, with the town benefitting alongside. Durham County Council had completed a survey of 40 lamp posts and would pay for windage testing for single vertical banners. The town council was asked to contribute to a leaflet to complement the banners and encourage people to visit the town. The Bowes Museum would offer photographic and design work.

Resolved – (a) That support be given in principle to the banner project for the town and; (b) That contribution to a marketing leaflet for the town be delegated for consideration at Events Task & Finish group and that a representative from the Bowes Museum be invited to attend.

64. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 9 FEBRUARY 2015 - MINUTES

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

65. SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 2 MARCH 2015 – MINUTES

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

66. POPPY APPEAL

It was confirmed that all wreath donations from Remembrance Sunday had been collected in and paid to The Royal British legion.

(i) VE celebration 8 May 2015

It was reported that two residents of the town had organised an event at St. Mary's Parish Hall, Newgate to mark the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe. The town council had been asked to assist with supplying Poppy Appeal collection tins and merchandise.

The Town Mayor had been invited to attend along with the Community Fundraiser from the Royal British Legion.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

67. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP

Pursuant to Special Partnership Committee on 2 March (Minute 60/Mar/15 refers), it was resolved that a Christmas Lights Working Group be formed. It was noted that Staindrop Parish Council (Carnival Committee) and Eggleston Parish Council had been contacted, but that there was no further update.

Resolved – (a) That a meeting of the Christmas Lights Working Group be organised within 2 weeks.

(b) That professional advice be sought on what could feasibly be achieved.

68. EVENTS 2015 TASK & FINISH GROUP NOTES AND UPDATE

(i) Events T&F Group – 19 February – notes.

(ii) Events T&F Group – 5 March – notes.

(iii) Events T&F Group – 19 March – notes.

(iv) Events T&F Group – 2 April – draft notes.

It was reported that Easter activities were held on the Mini Golf Course on Easter Monday 6 April, which were well attended.

It was further reported that the Brass Festival, organised by Durham County Council, would be held 16 to 19 July. A budget of £500 had been allocated.

Durham County Council and Visit County Durham had indicated that there would be no 'Streets Of...' for 2015.

Resolved – (a) That the information and notes be received for information and;

(b) That if 'Streets Of...' was definitely cancelled, that the Events Task & Finish Group organise something in its place for the town.

69. COMMUNITY EVENTS

(i) Mayoral Event 24 April 2015

Mayoral acceptances had been received from five town councils for 'Luther's Doofer' Charity evening. Members were reminded that tickets were available to purchase and that the Mayor was canvassing local businesses for raffle/tombola prizes. The event was advertised in the Northern Echo.

Resolved – That Members assist with promotion of the event.

(ii) Comedy Festival 17/18 July 2015

Members were updated on a forthcoming comedy festival in the town, promoted by the Funny Way To Be Comedy Club. It was reported that the Events Task & Finish Group had resolved in principle to support this festival, potentially allocating £300 for venue hire of the Witham, subject to breakdown of anticipated income and expenditure.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(iii) 1940s Event 25/26 June 2016 (Armed Forces Day)

Received – a proposal that the town council contributes to and promotes a 1940s style event in 2016 around Armed Forces Day. It was thought that potential funding would be available.

Resolved – (a) That the event be noted and;

(b) That the town council support the 1940s event in principle, out of budgetary allocation for 2016/17 events.

(iv) Events Equipment

It was reported that a multi-purpose synthetic, grass, events mat, depicting a simplified shield from the town crest, had been purchased at a cost of £401.23 from the 2014/15 events budgetary underspend. It was to be used at any outdoor community event or mayoral function.

Resolved – That the information be noted.