

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**11 JULY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Moorhouse (in the Chair), Cooke, Hinchcliffe and Sutherland; Mr M. Hanby (Business Guild); Mr R. Welsby (The Bowes Museum).

**Also in attendance:** One member of the press.

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

**18. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Councillors Peat, Kinch and Rowell.

**Resolved** – That the apologies be accepted.

**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. None were declared at this juncture.

**20. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 23 MAY 2016 – MINUTES**

**Resolved** – (a) That the minutes be accepted as a correct record; and  
(b) That Councillor Blissett as Town Mayor contact the Town Mayor of Louveciennes.

**21. POPPY APPEAL**

Following the 1940s weekend on 25 and 26 June 2016, a total of £453.03 was raised for the local Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2015. A majority of monies were raised through a raffle held at a 1940s Dance arranged by Iris Hillery and Allan Jones and donations from the organisers of the Methodist Hall Craft Fair and tearoom.

Preparations for the commencement of the 2016 Appeal in October would start in the next two months.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That thanks be extended to all those involved in the arrangements, with particular thanks extended to Allan Jones, Iris Hillery, Marie Yarker, Mark Wilkes, Kelly Blissett and Cllr Frank Harrison.

**22. MAYORAL EVENTS**

There was nothing to report at this time.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

**23. 1940s EVENT – 24 TO 26 JUNE - EVALUATION**

- (i) 1940s Event Task & Finish Group – 24 May – notes
- (ii) 1940s Event Task & Finish Group – 2 June – notes
- (iii) 1940s Event Task & Finish Group – 14 June – notes
- (iv) 1940s Event Task & Finish Group – 4 July – draft notes

It was noted that the inaugural event was a success with much positive feedback. Members noted that it was resolved at full Council on 27 June that the 2nd 1940s weekend be held 23 to 25 June 2017 (Council Minute 32(9)(b)/Jun/16 refers).

At the meeting of the 1940s Task & Finish Group on 4 July (note 21/Jul/16 refers), recommendations were made for onward referral to this committee.

**Resolved** – (a) That the notes and information be received;  
(b) That a budget of £2,000 be allocated to next 1940s weekend from the 2017/18 Events budget;  
(c) That the £454 underspend from the 2016 1940s weekend be earmarked for spend against the 2017 1940s weekend;  
(d) That the 1940s Event Task & Finish Group continues;  
(e) That a dedicated 1940s Facebook page be established, linked to the town council's Facebook page; and  
(f) That a flypast be applied for by end September 2016, with dates extended to 23 to 25 June inclusive to enable optimum chance of a successful application.

#### **24. AVIATION DAY – 24 JUNE 2016**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Teesdale Aviation Day Service took place at 11am on 24 June in the Galgate Garden of Remembrance.

Tony Galley, one of the co-founders, made the opening address followed by a Service of Commemoration led by the Reverend Canon Alec Harding and Barnard Castle School Chaplain Rev. Darren Moore. Representatives from RAF Leeming, RAFA, Barnard Castle School Combined Cadet Force and Town Council were in attendance and laid wreaths alongside the Town Mayor and other co-founder Cllr John Yarker. The Vintage Pipers played the Piper's Lament and Andrew Nicholson the Last Post and Reveille. Refreshments were provided following the service courtesy of the Alzheimer's Society.

It was agreed at Council Min 31/June/16 that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Teesdale Aviation Day would take place on Friday 23 June 2017. This date had been cascaded to those involved and an application would be submitted to the RAF Air Events Team before the end of September to request RAF participation.

Thanks were extended to all those who participated with the arrangements, with particular thanks to Allan Jones for the complimentary loan of the PA system.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted;  
(b) That thanks be given to all those involved and, in particular, to Allan Jones;  
(c) That the town council organises the Teesdale Aviation Day Service for 23 June 2017 and that it be programmed into 2017/18 Events programme with budgetary allocation.

#### **25. THE BOWES MUSEUM UPDATE**

An update was given on the main summer exhibition 'Shoes: Pleasure and Pain', which was having a big impact. The £1 million target had been reached as part of catalyst endowment fund, which would be matched by HLF. There was a major acquisition of fine art in the pipeline to be confirmed shortly. A new research/scholarship partnership with universities was being initiated.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

## **26. BUSINESS GUILD UPDATE**

The next meeting would be in August. There was nothing to report.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

## **27. THE WITHAM GYPSY CARAVAN**

Pursuant to Minute 12(c) & (d)/May/16, discussions took place between those members nominated to progress the procurement of a caravan and staff at The Witham. Various options were examined, including the caravan originally proposed and variant huts sourced from the internet or locally. It was concluded that the best available option was to purchase a bespoke shepherd's hut, mounted on axels with steel wheels, from the Shropshire Manufacturing Company of Broughall, Whitchurch. The net cost of this option to the town council was £1,416.66, which would be funded from the 2016/17 events budget and was within the maximum of £1,500 approved in May. The order had been placed and delivery was expected on 21 July. Acknowledgement of the town council's support would include the town crest as part of the decoration. It was noted that there was currently a temporary caravan in-situ at The Witham.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

## **28. VINTAGE WEEKEND – 24 & 25 SEPTEMBER**

Pursuant to Minute 68/Apr/16, the matter of Town Council support for the 2016 Vintage Weekend organised by Barnard Castle Vintage Rally Group (BCVRG), was referred to Council on 9 May. In the absence of further information, the matter was referred back to Partnership Committee (Council Minute 22(2)(i)/May/16 refers). Further information was submitted from BCVRG at Committee meeting on 23 May. Members subsequently requested a business plan to demonstrate sustainability for further deliberations at this Committee meeting (Minute 13/May/16 refers). No further information had been supplied by BCVRG.

Further discussion ensued surrounding the remainder of the 2016/17 Events budget. There was £1,981 unallocated. The Bowes Museum and Business Guild were asked to consider activities for potential partnership funding. It was suggested that festive activities could be linked into the town council Christmas lights switch-on event in December.

**Resolved** – (a) That, in the absence of further information, no financial support be given to the Barnard Castle 2016 Vintage Weekend from the 2016/17 Events budget; and  
(b) That The Bowes Museum and Business Guild recommend event/ activities for potential funding from the 2016/17 Events budget for onward referral to Council on 19 September.

## **29. NORTH EAST MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB**

Pursuant to Council meeting on 27 June, it was resolved that the town council supports the possible move of the North East Military Vehicle Club's annual Military Vehicle Rally (August Bank holiday) to Barnard Castle from 2017, following closure of the DLI Museum. There was no cost to the Town Council.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

### **30. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING**

#### **(i) Update**

Written confirmation had now been received from The Bowes Museum of £1,520 contribution to purchase four additional swan motifs. The Friends of the Bowes Museum had also agreed to contribute £660 via The Bowes Museum towards restoration of the existing swan motifs. This enabled four out of the five existing swan motifs to be refurbished. There was a shortfall of £140.

Durham County Council had confirmed that windage testing was needed for motifs on Newgate lampposts and that the windage testing for banners was not sufficient. Quotes for windage testing 9 lampposts were considered in confidential session at Item 33, below.

Members recalled that it was resolved at this Committee in May to allocate up to £1,000 out of Christmas Lighting budget to purchase lights for trees on Galgate Greens (Minute 14(ii)(b)/May/16 refers).

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted and;  
(b) That restoration of the final swan motif be approved at a cost of £140 out of 2016/17 Christmas lighting budget.

#### **(ii) Barnard Castle Christmas Lights (BCCL)**

Received – a report from the Secretary of BCCL updating members on fundraising and securing power to Galgate Greens. BCCL was also looking into the possibility of funding icicles from Ruby & D to GSC Grays and a similar distance on the opposite side of The Bank, as well as from Post Office to 149 Fish & Chips on Galgate. It was noted that BCCL had extended an invitation to the Chair of Partnership Committee to attend a meeting to support working together to further improve the town's Christmas Lighting Display. It was acknowledged that Councillor Mrs Moorhouse could only attend and report back.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That Councillor Mrs Moorhouse attends a future meeting of BCCL and reports back to Partnership Committee.

### **31. CIVIC ARRANGEMENTS**

Pursuant to Minute 16/May/16 and Resources Committee Minute 15/Jun/16, discussions with Ian Kirkbride, Honorary Town Crier, were continuing and alternative estimates for a bespoke outfit were currently being sought, to be reported at a future Committee meeting.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted.

### **32. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (IN RESPECT OF ITEM 33, BELOW)**

**Resolved** – That, under the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 §1(2), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the matter referred to at item 33, below, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

### **33. WINDAGE TESTING**

Submitted - a report considering the matter of windage testing to 9 lampposts on Newgate for Christmas swan motifs and, if approval was given, further considering estimates received.

Members were reminded that the agreed Christmas Lighting 2016/17 budget was £6,500 and that The Bowes Museum had agreed to fund the purchase of four additional swan motifs and refurbish four out of the five existing motifs. Funding for restoration of the final swan motif was resolved at Item 30(i), above. Unallocated monies now stood at £813.

It was noted that windage testing certificates lasted 3 years from the date of testing.

**Resolved** – (a) That approval be given to windage test nine lampposts along Newgate and;

(b) That Roch NDT be the approved contractor to windage test nine lampposts on Newgate at a maximum cost of £600 from the Christmas lighting budget.