

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**3 APRIL 2017**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Moorhouse (in the Chair), Blissett (Town Mayor), Cooke, Hinchcliffe, Kinch, Sutherland, Peat, Rowell and Mrs Grady (from item 86.); Ms J. Whittaker and Mr R. Welsby (The Bowes Museum) (from item 84 and 85 respectively); and Mr M. Hanby (Business Guild);

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Harrison; one member of the press.

**Officers:** Mrs Woodward (Deputy Clerk) and Miss Atkinson (Services Officer)

The Chairman reminded members of the Committee that, as it was within the pre-election period ('purdah'), the town council must comply with restrictions outlined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986.

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

None

**83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 17(b)/May/16 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.

**84. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 6 FEBRUARY 2017 - MINUTES**

**Resolved** – That the minutes be accepted as a correct record.

**85. POPPY APPEAL**

Pursuant to Minute 61 (i)/Nov/2016, an application had been made to Durham County Council for a Street Collection Permit in Barnard Castle for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Permission had been granted to collect within the town centre on Sunday 25 June 2017 between the hours of 9:30 am and 5.00 pm. In addition, indoor collection boxes would be put into the various events taking place over the weekend. Volunteer collectors were now being sought.

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

**86. MAYORAL EVENTS**

The Town Mayor gave an update. He reported that he had hosted a charity evening of 'Fun & Games' in aid of the Mayor's Charity on 22 February 2017 at Barnard Castle Cricket Club, which was well attended. A ticketed event was to take place on Friday 21 April to mark the end of his year of office. It would be held at the Jersey Farm Hotel, with live music and food. Invitations were being sent out to Mayors and Chairs of Councils in the vicinity and tickets would be on sale locally to the public. Proceeds to the Mayor's Charity – Mid-Teesdale Project Partnership. There would be no cost to the town council.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That Members are asked to assist with promotion of the event.

## **87. REQUEST FOR EXHIBITION SPACE – GYPSY ROMA TRAVELLER CULTURE**

Durham County Council's Gypsy and Roma Traveller Liaison Service had asked whether the town council would be interested in hosting a travelling exhibition over two days to showcase Gypsy Roma Traveller Culture. The Festival of Diversity scheduled for the end of April at The Witham was cancelled.

It was suggested by Councillor Kinch that an alternative venue had been sought. At the Chair's discretion, this item was not considered further and no resolution was made.

## **88. 1940s EVENT – 23 TO 25 JUNE 2017**

### **(i) 1940s Event Task & Finish Group – 28 February – notes**

### **(ii) 1940s Event Task & Finish Group – 17 March 2017 – draft notes**

The RAF Air Events Team had confirmed that the town council had been successful in applying for a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (Spitfire Flypast) on Saturday 24 June. The time was yet to be confirmed.

### **(ii) Aviation Day – 23 June 2017**

It was reported that preparations were well under way and that the extra £100 committed to the event would fund refreshments on Galgate Greens following the Service.

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

(b) That any underspend from the 2017 1940s event be earmarked for spend against 2018 1940s weekend.

## **89. THE BOWES MUSEUM UPDATE**

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign would focus on what 'taste' means to people. New banners were to be installed shortly on lampposts.

The silver swan, which had been on loan to the Science Museum in London, would be back on display for Easter.

An exhibition about Josephine Bowes would open on 20 May. Turkish Tulips would open on 29 July, as would The Clockwork Garden, in partnership with Darlington Building Society.

The current photography exhibition 'Only in England' was supported by a competition 'Only in the North', to capture images representing the distinctive character of the North today.

A collection of Spanish paintings were due to go on loan to the Wallace Collection.

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

## **90. BUSINESS GUILD UPDATE**

A new Teesdale Business Guild would replace Barnard Castle Business Guild.

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

## **91. BARNARD CASTLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS (BCCL) UPDATE**

An update was submitted from Sue Smith, Secretary, BCCL as follows:

A very successful Curry Night was held on 6 March. £720.00 was raised to increase the total funds to £6,064.50. A flower demonstration was held on 3 April at the Cricket Club, which raised approximately £475.00.

It was intended to put brackets on buildings on the Bank once work on the Market Cross was finished.

BCCL committee were very pleased that the Town Council had agreed to fund extending the icicles up to Marshall Street and King Street and, at their last meeting, BCCL approved the donation of £228.50 to the Town Council for the extra money needed to achieve this over the Town Council's budget of £1,000. This showed a great commitment to working together.

The Committee would welcome having a further two members to help with fund raising activities and to help decide further improvements to the town's lighting displays.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That thanks be given to BCCL for the donation of £228.50 to fund the extra cost of purchasing additional icicle lights for 2017/18 Christmas lighting displays.

## **92. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2017/18**

Pursuant to Minute 79(b)/Feb/17, 21 sets of additional icicle lights had been ordered. The total net cost, including installation and dismantling costs was £1,228.50. As reported in item 91, above, BCCL had donated the additional funds needed.

Members noted that the town council still had 45 column motifs of various designs surplus to requirements and in storage. These had not been used since 2014/15. Members recalled that last year, five swan motifs were repaired and four new swan motifs manufactured for columns along Newgate, funded largely by The Bowes Museum. The nine columns along Newgate were windage tested until 26 January 2019.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That it be recommended to Resources Committee on 24 April that the 45 column motifs surplus to requirements be considered for disposal, at their scrap value.

## **93. TOWN MAP**

The town map had been produced, printed and delivered (A3, 20 pads of 50). The town council had signed up to a Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) with Ordnance Survey (OS) at no cost, to allow use of OS mapping data. The town council had an OS licence number to be displayed alongside an attribution statement on all occasions where OS copyright acknowledgement was to be used.

A letter had been received from Visitor Information Point volunteers at The Witham, thanking the town council for funding the maps, to assist with promoting the town.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That thanks be given to Allan Jones for time spent in designing the map.