

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

9 APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Sutherland (in the Chair), Miss Blissett, Chatterjee, Mrs Moorhouse, Peat and Child; Ms J. Whittaker (The Bowes Museum).

Also in attendance: Councillor Blissett; Mr M. Read (The Bowes Museum); one member of the press.

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

65. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Kirkbride and Mr R. Welsby (The Bowes Museum).

Resolved – That the apologies be accepted.

66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Constitution (Members' Code of Conduct) (Minute 12/May/17 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.

67. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 5 FEBRUARY 2018 – MINUTES

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

68. THE BOWES MUSEUM

It was reported that the current main exhibition was 'Queen Victoria in Paris' Watercolours. Easter activities had been well attended. A day of events was planned on 10 June to coincide with the end of the year's celebration of 125 years of The Bowes Museum. The major summer exhibition would be 'Catwalking' opening on 7 July, with photos and loans of costumes from big fashion houses. 'Fishdance' was being promoted and people were encouraged to sign up to take part. A new Commercial Manager had been appointed.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

69. POPPY APPEAL

There was nothing to report at this time.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

70. MAYORAL EVENTS

It was reported that The Town Mayor hosted an evening event on Friday 16 March in St. Mary's Parish Hall, in recognition of the work of local volunteers who supported the work of the town council. Volunteers were presented with personalised certificates and a pin badge.

A Mayoral civic event was planned on Tuesday 1 May 2018 in the form of a classic coach trip on a 'Teesdale Adventure.' Invitations had been sent out and event details were in the process of being co-ordinated with the Town Mayor.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

71. 2018/19 COMMUNITY EVENTS PROGRAMME

(i) 1940s Event – 22 to 24 June 2018

Project meetings were held on 6 and 26 February and 27 March. Both English Heritage and The Witham attended the last meeting. There was now a dedicated website for the event: barnardcastle1940s.uk

The Safety Advisory Group (SAG) application was submitted to Durham County Council on 6 March.

It had been confirmed that the RAF was supporting the event with a Battle of Britain Memorial Flight Spitfire Flypast on Saturday 23 June.

Simon Bean, Head of Projects & Performance, North at English Heritage had confirmed that they were very supportive of providing free community access to the Castle on both the 23 and 24 June (Saturday and Sunday). They would use the weekend as a trial and were keen for some of the planned activities to take place in the Castle grounds as a way to better integrate the Castle into the event and ensure visitors to the town were drawn into the Castle. The 1940s weekend would be promoted via English Heritage 'owned' media channels and social media pages.

Tickets were now on sale for Vintage Belles performing at TCR Hub on Friday 22 June at 7.30pm. The next meeting of the project group was on 30 April.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted; and
(b) That members promote the weekend and confirm availability to assist throughout the 1940s weekend.

(ii) Remembrance Events

(a) Aviation Day – 22 June 2018

Arrangements for this event were being progressed. A full update would be provided at the next meeting.

(b) Fly the Red Ensign – 3 September 2018

There was nothing to report.

(c) Remembrance Sunday & 'Battle's Over: A Nation's Tribute' – 11 November 2018

Arrangements for the traditional Remembrance service and parade were being progressed. There would be an integrated programme of events. Pursuant to Minute 61(ii)(c)/Feb/18, the project group co-ordinating the commemorations marking the centenary of the end of the First World War was scheduled to meet at the end of April. Invitations had been extended, including to Friends of The Bowes Museum.

English Heritage had confirmed that Barnard Castle had been selected as one of the locations for a Beacon. Nearby Richmond and Middleham Castles would also feature.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(ii) Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on Event

Traffic management plans were being initiated.

(iv) Juggling Convention – 20 October 2018

Pursuant to Minute 61 (iv)/Feb/18, when it was resolved that delegated authority be given to the Clerk to contact the organisers of the Juggling Convention to explore the feasibility of extending the activities on offer, contact had been made with a representative of Durham City Jugglers, with a view to a meeting. Cllr Mrs Moorhouse was to be involved. A further report would be made to this Committee in May.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

72. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

It was reported that following the project initiation meeting held with Barnard Castle Christmas Lights (BCCL) on 8 March, ten sets of icicle lights and eight sets of string lights had been purchased at a net cost of £695, funded from within the approved budget of £6,500 and top-sliced from the SLA.

BCCL had won Best Community Engagement project at Teesdale Business Awards. This year they hoped to purchase a projector to project snowflakes onto The Witham to enhance the town's Christmas lighting display, subject to DCC permissions.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

73. HANNAH HAUXWELL MUSEUM

At its meeting on 19 March, Full Council considered a request submitted by email to endorse a proposed museum dedicated to Hannah Hauxwell. Council had requested additional information from the individual who made the request, in particular in regard to what the scale and location of the museum might be and what relationship, if any, it would have to the meadow and barn managed by Durham Wildlife Trust in Baldersdale. The individual concerned had been offered an opportunity to come to a future meeting of this committee to present more details about the idea. To date, no response had been received.

Resolved – That the information be noted.