

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

15 JULY 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Kirkbride (in the Chair); Councillors Miss Blissett, Chatterjee, Child, Finlay, Mrs Moorhouse and Sutherland; J Whittaker (Bowes), A Burns (Witham)

Also in attendance: Councillor Blissett (Town Mayor), V Taylor (TCR HUB) and one member of the press.

Officers: Mr King (Town Clerk).

14. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES

None.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with this Council's adopted Code of Conduct (Minute 10/May/19 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. There were no declarations of interest at this juncture.

16. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 3 JUNE 2019 – MINUTES

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

17. THE BOWES MUSEUM UPDATE

A verbal update was given at the meeting. A joint summer activity brochure had been published by the Bowes, the Witham and the TCR HUB. The Lego exhibition had continued to be popular with visitors and would run until the autumn. Exhibitions current in July were: the works of ceramics artist, Frances Priest - 'Influences of the East', 'Pirates, Pants and Wellyphants', featuring Nick Sharratt's illustrations and 'Hockney and Hollywood'. The Chair expressed the council's congratulations on the effective co-operation between the three organisations.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

18. THE WITHAM UPDATE

A verbal update was given at the meeting. The 1940s Dance had been successful and the Witham was keen to contribute to any event in 2020. The café was now providing a revised menu. Susan Coffey was making inroads as the incoming centre manager. Repair works were scheduled to the roof of the main building and music hall. It was recognised that opportunities existed to work in partnership with other organisations to enhance the Visitor Information Point (VIP). Discussions would be held with MBBT about the provision of a town map at little or no cost. It was noted that Visit County Durham offered training to volunteers providing visitor information. Again, the Chair expressed the council's congratulations on the effective co-operation between the three organisations.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

19. THE TCR HUB UPDATE

A verbal update was given at the meeting. Free events were taking place every day over the summer. Highlights of this programme, entitled 'Summer Days at the Hub' included: a Teddy Bear's Picnic, two Outdoor Activity Weeks, a Mad About Music Week, the Big Barney Splash Out for Babies & Toddlers, a Family Fun Day, a Dogs' Day Out and the Durham Festival of Wellbeing. Again, the Chair expressed the council's congratulations on the effective co-operation between the three organisations.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

20. MAYORAL EVENTS

The Town Mayor provided an update on events hosted by other councils and organisations, which he had attended on behalf of the town.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted; and
(b) That thanks be given to the Town Mayor.

21. 1940S EVENT – 21 TO 23 JUNE 2019

The event had been held successfully over the weekend of 21-23 June. The 1940s Working Group met on 4 July to review delivery of the 2019 event. It was felt that the overall event had gone well and been appreciated by many people but it was noted that few volunteers had come forward to help. The two Services Officers were thanked for their huge contributions to the event.

A number of observations were made:

- A review should be undertaken to identify how the event can be overseen by a single project manager;
- That review should consider whether the event should be transferred to a community group, in part or in whole;
- Consideration should be given to refreshing the food offer, to complement what is available from established business in the town at the most effective cost;
- Discussions should be held with re-enactors to ensure that health and safety standards are reviewed and that the range of displays is balanced and refreshed;
- Schools should be more directly involved in activities on the Friday afternoon.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted; and
(b) That the dates for the 2020 event be Friday 19-Sunday 21 June 2020.

22. POPPY APPEAL

There was nothing to report.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

23. REMEMBRANCE EVENTS

(i) Aviation Day – 21 June 2019

The 24th Teesdale Aviation Day Service had taken place at 11.00 a.m. on 21 June in the Galgate Garden of Remembrance.

Resolved – (a) That the information be noted;
(b) That thanks be given to all those involved and, in particular, to Allan Jones and Andrew Nicholson; and
(c) That the date for the 2020 Teesdale Aviation Day be agreed as Friday 19 July 2020, to be programmed into the 2020/21. Events programme with budgetary allocation, bearing in mind it will be the 25th Anniversary of the event.

(ii) Armed Forces Day – 29 June 2019

The Armed Forces Day flag had been raised at 10am on Monday 24 June in the Galgate Garden of Remembrance by the Town Mayor and remained flying for the week, including Armed Forces Day.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(iii) Fly the Red Ensign – 3 September 2019

There was nothing to report.

Resolved – That the information be noted.

(iv) Remembrance Sunday – 10 November 2019

Discussions would take place over the summer with relevant organisations in preparation for Remembrance Sunday

Resolved – That the information be noted.

24. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2019/20 (BARNARD CASTLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS)

Following the decision of Council at its meeting on 24 June to approve the renegotiation of the SLA, Barnard Castle Christmas Lights had been approached to set up a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the 2019/20 display.

Resolved – That the information be noted.