

**BARNARD CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL  
PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**7 OCTOBER 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Kirkbride (in the Chair); Councillors Miss Blissett, Chatterjee, Child, Mrs Moorhouse and Sutherland; J Whittaker (Bowes), M Read (Bowes), S Avery (Witham)

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Blissett (Town Mayor), I Blake, P Crichton (BCCL) and one member of the press.

**Officers:** Mr King (Town Clerk).

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

Apologies were offered by Cllr Finlay and R Tweddle (TCR HUB).

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

**26. 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.

**27. PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – 15 JULY 2019 – MINUTES**

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

**28. PRESENTATION – TOILET TWINNING**

Ian Blake attended to give a presentation on Toilet Twinning. The scheme is a charity which twins toilets in a locality for a donation of £60 with the provision of a household latrine in the developing world. Mr Blake was thanked for his presentation.

**Resolved** – (a) That the Town Council offers its in principle support to developing toilet twinning in Barnard Castle;

(b) That the charity be referred to the Mayor's Charity for a donation in respect of one of the toilets in Woodleigh; and

(c) That a collection from users of the building be made to twin another toilet in Woodleigh.

**29. CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2019/20**

Phil Crichton, Chair of BCCL, gave a verbal update on the work of the community group in partnership with the town council. BCCL is exercising artistic control of the established contract between the town council and Christmas Plus, its lighting contractor. It was confirmed that there would be minor changes in the 2019 display, which would again provide festoon lighting on the Bank, Icicle lighting throughout the Market Place, Horsemarket and Lower Galgate with floodlighting and globes in Upper Galgate. Mr Crichton was thanked for all the work undertaken by BCCL.

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

### **30. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON EVENT – 29 NOVEMBER 2019**

Plans were noted for the town council's annual Christmas event. The town's Christmas tree lights were scheduled to be lit at 6.30pm. The traditional Santa's Grotto would be in the Methodist Church, with activities and refreshments in the Church Hall. Barnard Castle Band would provide entertainment. It was noted that additional activities under the Making Barney Brighter heading would take place over the weekend. Nominations were sought to constitute an advisory working group to advance the event within existing delegation to the office. Sponsorship is being sought to supplement the town council's budget.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That a working group comprising councillors Kirkbride, Sutherland, Blissett, Chatterjee and Mrs Moorhouse, together with representatives of BCCL, The Bowes and the TCR HUB work with the Clerk to finalise the event.

### **31. THE BOWES MUSEUM UPDATE**

The Lego exhibition, which had proved extremely popular, was to be extended to January 2020. Forthcoming exhibitions: Untitled 10 and The Power and The Virtue, featuring Guido Reni's Death of Lucretia were programmed for the Autumn together with Norman Cornish: The Definitive Collection. There was to be a public meeting to discuss the need to lock vehicular gates to the museum's grounds, to meet insurance requirements associated with inter museum loans, on 16 October.

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

### **32. THE WITHAM UPDATE**

A verbal update was given at the meeting. The theme of Something For Everyone continued to underpin the Witham's programme.

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

### **33. THE TCR HUB UPDATE**

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

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

### **34. POPPY APPEAL**

It was reported that preparations were underway for the 2019 appeal, to launch on Saturday 26 October. Volunteer Poppy Appeal collectors were sought for the two-week collection period. It was also proposed to hold a stall on the Wednesday Market. Assistance was requested for the delivery, during the week commencing 21 October, and collection of appeal supplies, on the 11-12 November, to and from local businesses and organisations.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted; and  
(b) That Members confirm their availability to the office to assist with delivery and collection of appeal supplies to and from local businesses and organisations.

### **35. REMEMBRANCE EVENTS**

It was reported that Remembrance Sunday would be held on 10 November 2019. Members were to be provided with fully finalised details of the arrangements nearer the time but were encouraged to advise the office, in advance, of their attendance.

**Resolved** – That the information be noted

### **36. MAYORAL EVENTS**

- i. Fly the Red Ensign – 3 September 2019

A flag raising ceremony took place on Tuesday 3 September in Galgate Remembrance Gardens to commemorate Merchant Navy Day. The Reverend John Moore undertook a blessing of the Red Ensign and the Town Mayor raised the flag. Wreaths were laid at the newly inscribed memorial stone. Cllr Kirkbride read the Ode of Remembrance, followed by the last post and reveille, played by Andrew Nicholson.

**Resolved** – (a) That the information be noted;

(b) That thanks be given to Rev. John Moore and Andrew Nicholson; and

(c) That the date for Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day be agreed as Thursday 3 September 2020, to be programmed into the events programme for 2020/21 with budgetary allocation.

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

### **37. 1940S EVENT – 19 TO 21 JUNE 2020**

A meeting of the project group was held on 17 September to allocate roles for the 2020 weekend. The next meeting was to take place on 30 October. It was noted that Andrew Nicholson had taken the role of (volunteer) project manager for the event.

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