

22 February 2023

To: The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council; Councillors Jo Day; Billy Drummond; Sue Farrant; Stuart Gourley; Olivia Lewis; Steve Masters; Gary Norman & Elizabeth O'Keefe.

Substitutes: Councillors Jeff Beck; Nigel Foot; Chris Foster; David Marsh; Martha Vickers.

Also to: All Members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

You are required to attend a meeting of the **Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee** to be held on **Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.30pm**. This meeting will be held in the **Council Chamber** and streamed via Zoom. This meeting is open to the Press and Public.

Members of the public may join the meeting over zoom by using the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87920157892>

Yours sincerely,

Elisa Mullen
Civic Manager

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
Civic Manager
- 2. Declarations of interest and dispensations**
Chairperson
To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.
- 3. Minutes (Appendix 1 & Appendix 2)**
Chairperson
3.1 To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee held on Monday 28th November 2022 (previously circulated).
3.2 Report on actions from previous minutes.

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- 4. Questions and petitions from members of the public**
Chairperson
(Questions, in writing, must be with the Civic Manager by 2.00 pm on Friday 24th February 2023)
- 5. Members' questions and petitions**
Chairperson
(Questions, in writing, must be with the Civic Manager by 2.00 pm on 24th February 2023)
- 6. Newbury Twin Town Association (Appendix 3)**
Chairperson
To receive a report from the Newbury Twin Town Association on their activities of the past year, and their forthcoming activities.
- 7. Art on the Park**
Chairperson/Cllr Sue Farrant
To receive a verbal report on the status of arrangement for Art on the Park events due to take place in 2023.
- 8. Newbury Town Council Silver Anniversary Working Group (Appendix 4)**
Chairperson/Cllr Gary Norman
To receive a report on the events which have taken place as part of the commemorations for Newbury Town Council's Silver Anniversary.
- 9. Newbury Town Trails (Appendix 5)**
Chairperson/Civic Manager
To approve the draft versions of the new Public Art Map and the Blue Plaque Map to go to print for distribution in Spring 2023.
- 10. Newbury Town Civic Awards 2023**
Civic Manager
To note the current status of the Newbury Town Civic Awards 2023.
- 11. Mayor Making 2023**
Civic Manager
To note that Mayor Making will be taking place on Sunday 14th May 2023.
- 12. King Charles III Coronation Commemorations (Appendix 6)**
Civic Manager
To note the current guidance on national and local arrangements for King Charles III's Coronation on 6th May 2023.
To approve the recommendation to encourage local communities to host events to celebrate King Charles III coronation, with an aim for the Mayor to attend as many as possible.
- 13. Mayor's Festive Afternoon Tea (Appendix 7)**
Civic Manager
To receive a report on the Mayor's Festive Afternoon Tea event which took place in December.
To approve the recommendation that this event is a permanent fixture in place of the Mayor's Drive and Tea Party.

14. Ebb & Flow Information Panel (Appendix 8)

Civic Manager

To approve the recommendation for the refurbishment of the former Ebb & Flow Information panel to be repurposed for sharing information about Lock Cottage.

15. Civic Manager's reports:

Chairperson/Civic Manager

- Civic Carol Service (Appendix 9)
- Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community (Appendix 10)

16. Flying the Pride Progress Flag from the Town Hall (Appendix 11)

Chairperson

To approve the flying of the Pride Progress flag for the duration of Newbury Pride & World Pride Day 2022.

17. Flying the Town Flag from the Town Hall

Chairperson

To resolve whether to revert to flying the Town Flag as the default flag from the Town Hall.

18. Civic Events (Appendix 12)

Chairperson

- a) **To review** civic events since the last meeting of the Committee
- b) **To note** the programme of civic events until the next meeting
- c) **To receive** ideas for suggested or potential future events or activities.

19. Forward Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee meetings 2022/23 (Appendix 13)

Chairperson

To note and agree any other items that Members resolve to add to the Forward Work Programme

Next Meeting:

3rd July 2023, 7:30pm

Minutes of a meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts, & Culture Committee held in the Council Chamber on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

Councillors Jo Day; Billy Drummond; Stuart Gourley; Sue Farrant; Nigel Foot; Stuart Gourley; Elizabeth O’Keeffe; and Sarah Slack

Officer present:

Elisa Mullen, Civic Manager

22. Apologies for absence

Apologies: Councillors Martin Colston, Gary Norman & Steve Masters

Absent: Councillor Olivia Lewis

23. Declaration of Interest and Dispensations

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Billy Drummond is also a Member of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on his behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow him to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

24. Minutes

24.1

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Sue Farrant

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee held on Monday 4th July 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

24.2 Actions from previous meeting

Actions were completed and further outcomes to be discussed through relevant agenda items in this meeting.

25. Questions and petitions from members of the public

There were none.

26. Members’ questions and petitions

There were none.

27. Newbury & District Arts Association

The Council received a report from the Newbury & District Arts Association on their activities of the past year and their forthcoming activities. This was noted by the committee who wish the organisation well for the year ahead.

Their report referenced funding; Councillor Sue Farrant agreed that she would advise the NDAA of the Council's grant funding process through the Good Exchange as a tool they could use in the future.

28. Local Democracy Working Group

The Committee were presented with a report on the event which took place in Autumn 2022. This included another successful year of Primary School Presentations which were very well received by all schools who took part.

Secondary schools continue to be difficult to engage. A Working Group meeting will take place on 29th November to discuss how the session with Trinity School went. This will be fed back to the Committee.

Thanks were extended to all Councillors and Civic Team who gave their time to make this year's event successful.

29. Newbury Town Council Silver Anniversary Working Group

The Committee were presented with a report on the events which have taken place since the last meeting, and their successes.

It was noted that the next, and final event for this celebration will be an Open Day on Saturday 4th February. There will be a call out for volunteers to take part in this in the new year.

Following the success of the last event, and the Historical Open Day, if we have the volunteers available, this event will take place from 10am – 2pm.

30. Art On The Park

A report was presented by Cllr Sue Farrant on behalf of the Art on the Park organising group detailing the success of 2022's revival of the event. The organisers are very keen to repeat the event in 2023 and continue the restoration of art in the town, with an aim to host two events in the new year.

The group thanked the Town Council for their support in helping get the event off the ground this year, including Officer support and use of Council spaces for planning meetings.

Proposed: Councillor Nigel Foot

Seconded: Councillor Sarah Slack

Resolved: The Council would continue to provide resource to the Art on the Park Group by offering Town Hall meeting spaces free of charge, and £500 in the budget to be considered by the Policy & Resources Committee for their 2023 activities.

31. Civic Manager's Reports

The Civic Manager presented the following reports to the Committee:

- **Historical Open Day (30th October 2022).** Thanks were noted to all Councillors who volunteered for this event. It was noted that the talks by David Peacock were a good addition, though we could potentially look at having either one talk at the beginning of the day, or two shorter talks. To be discussed further with David.
- **Remembrance Sunday 2022.** This year's event went very well and a special thanks were extended to Brendan Ferreira and James Heasman for their support in delivering and setting up for this year's event.
- **Operation London Bridge.** The Civic Manager extended her thanks to all Officers who launched Operation London Bridge in her absence, and also thanked Councillors and Civic Team who attended the Proclamation on 11th September, and to those who supported the signing of the Books of Condolence which have now been sent to be archived. A commemorative newsletter was published at the beginning of October detailing the activities of Newbury Town Council to commemorate the moment of history.
- **Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community.** The letters of congratulations that the Mayor has sent to residents and organisations in the community were noted.

42. Ebb & Flow Information Panel

The Committee noted that a new information panel was now installed by Ebb & Flow sculpture.

The future of the old information panel was discussed. The Civic Manager explained that she had been advised that it may be cheaper to repurpose the old one with different information rather than a full removal of the panel.

Cllr Farrant suggested the idea of refreshing the information to show the significance of Lock Cottage, and the history of John Gould.

Further consultation on this idea to be explored with the Canal Corridor Working Group, and with Crescent Signs to obtain a quote for the renewal of information.

43. **Newbury Town Civic Awards 2023**

Proposed: Councillor Sarah Slack

Seconded: Councillor Stuart Gourley

Resolved: Arrangements for the 2023 Newbury Town Civic Awards were approved.

44. **Newbury Town Trails**

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Stuart Gourley

Resolved: The project plan for the rebranding of the Newbury Town Trails Project was approved.

45. **Music Festival**

The Civic Manager shared some of the insights that had been explored when looking at the possibility of a music festival taking place in Newbury, following the suggestion at the previous Committee meeting.

Both the Music in the Market Place plans which had been delivered by the previous administration, and the BID's early plans for an Arts & Culture Festival in 2023 had been referenced. However, Councillors agreed with the Civic Manager that 2023 may not be the best time to host anything due to our limited staff resource in 2023 and how much planning this type of event would need.

The Civic Manager will speak to the Event Manager at Thatcham Town Council about the resource that goes into hosting their Thatcham Festival.

Councillors expressed their concerns that Newbury BID were planning an Arts & Culture Festival and that it was going to be more commercialised rather than community focused, with a risk that they would upset a lot of Newbury's creative community groups if they weren't involved. The Civic Manager agreed to feed this back to the BID at the next Town Events Meeting.

46. **Flying the Ukrainian Flag from the Town Hall**

Proposed: Councillor Nigel Foot

Seconded: Councillor Sue Farrant

Resolved: That Newbury Town Council continues to fly the Ukrainian Flag from the Town Hall.

It was discussed how long the flag should continue to fly for, and that it may be considered to stop flying it indefinitely at a future meeting for the fear of the gesture losing its impact.

This item will remain on the forward work programme.

47. Council Strategy

No new suggestions were given to be considered as part of the Council Strategy.

48. Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Budget 2023/24

The amount spent against the current financial year was noted.

There were no new items for budget consideration that weren't already suggested as part of the budget. Specific mention was given to Art on the Park following the resolution to offer £500 earlier in the meeting, as well as £1500 to commemorate King Charles' III Coronation in May 2023, this item will be included as part of the Forward Work programme for February's meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Billy Drummond

Seconded: Councillor Nigel Foot

Resolved: That the items covered by the 2023/24 budget be recommended for approval by the Policy & Resources Committee.

49. Civic Events

- a. The information regarding Civic Events held since the last meeting of this committee was received and noted.
- b. The information relating to future Civic Events as detailed on the agenda was received and noted by the Committee.
- c. The only item to be included as a future event or activity was to mark the King's Coronation, though it is noted that the timing of this event in May 2023 would be very tricky to plan something big as it's so close to local elections. Hopefully the Civic Manager will have some further information from other Councils and organisations about what will be taking place to commemorate which will inspire Newbury's celebrations.

50. Forward Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee Meetings.

It was agreed that King Charles III's Coronation would be added to the forward work programme for February's meeting.

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Chairperson:

Date:

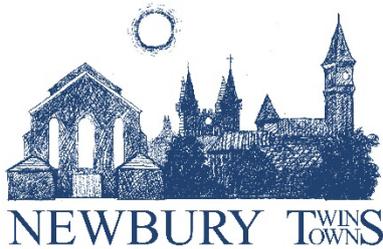
Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee

Date: 28 11 2022

ACTION SHEET

Item	Resolved	Actions	who	when
Agenda Item 22 – Apologies	Apologies: Martin Colston, Gary Norman, Steve Masters Absent: Olivia Lewis	Write up attendance register	Corporate Support Officer	05 12 2022
Agenda Item 24 - Minutes	Approved & Signed	Send signed minutes to Corporate Support Officer	Civic Manager	05 12 2022
Agenda Item 27 - Newbury & District Arts Association	Advise NDAA of Council's grant funding process through the Good Exchange for future projects.	Advise NDAA of Council's grant funding process	Cllr Sue Farrant	February 2023
Agenda Item 29 – NTC Silver Anniversary Working Group	Open Day on 4 th February 2023.	- Advise members and encourage volunteers - Run time of 10am – 2pm	Civic Manager	January 2023
Agenda Item 30 – Art on the Part	The Council would continue to provide resource to the Art on the Park Group by offering Town Hall meeting spaces free of charge, and £500 in the budget to be considered by the Policy & Resources Committee for their 2023 activities.	Advise organising group	Civic Manager	05 12 2022
Agenda Item 41 – CM Reports (Historical Open Day)	Speak to David Peacock about illustrated talks for 2023's event, either one at 10am or two shorter talks	Discuss with David Peacock	Civic Manager/Maternity Cover	July 2023
Agenda Item 42 – Ebb & Flow Information Panel	Idea to refresh information on the old panel to show the significance of Lock Cottage, and the history of John Gould in consultation with the Canal Corridor Working Group. Quote from Crescent Signs for renewal of information.	Take to Canal Corridor Working Group Quote from Crescent Signs	CEO Civic Manager	Feb 2023 13 02 2022
Agenda Item 43 – Newbury Town Civic Awards 2023	Arrangements for the 2023 Newbury Town Civic Awards were approved	Put dates in NTC Diaries, advising officers of dates for this year's event	Civic Manager/ Corporate Support Officer	End of 2022
Agenda Item 44 – Newbury Town Trails	The project plan for the rebranding of the Newbury Town Trails Project was approved	Bring drafts of two new map products to the next CPA&C Meeting	Civic Manager	13 02 2023
Agenda Item 45 – Music Festival	Speak to Thatcham Town Council about the resource that goes into hosting their Thatcham	Speak to the Events Manager at Thatcham Town Council	Civic Manager	13 02 2023

	Festival. Councillor's concerns about Newbury BID involving the town's creative community in their Arts & Culture Event	Speak to Newbury BID about involving local groups		13 02 2022
Agenda Item 46 – Flying the Ukrainian Flag	The Council continues to fly the Ukrainian Flag from the Town Hall	Advise Town Hall Officer	Civic Manager	ASAP
Agenda Item 48 – Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Budget 2023/24	Items covered by the 2023/24 budget for CPA&C to be considered for the approval of recommendation by the Policy & Resources Committee	Propose to P&R Committee	CEO	January 2023
Agenda Item 50 – Forward Working Programme	Add the following to the Forward Working Programme: King Charles III Proclamation	Add to Forward Working Programme	Civic Manager	13 02 2023



A Brief Outline of the Newbury Twin Town Association

Newbury Town Council has twinned with 5 European towns:

Braunfels in Germany	since 1963/64
Bagnols-sur-Ceze in France	since 1971
Eeklo in Belgium	since 1977
Feltre in Italy	since 2002
Carcaixent in Spain	since 2019

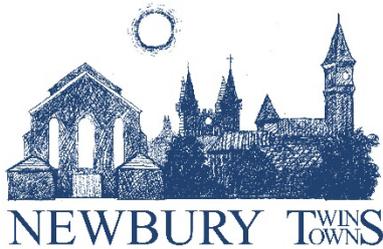
Unusually all of our Twin Towns are twinned with each other, and a couple of other towns are also involved in our twinning activities: Kiskunfelegyhaza in Hungary and Zamosc in Poland. Shortly after the first twinning with Braunfels, the Twin Town Association was formed to develop and maintain links to our Twin Towns, on behalf of the Town Council. Without the Association it would be the responsibility of the Town Council to organise twinning events.

All our members (we have around 70) are volunteers, and pay £10 each or £20 for a family each year as a subscription. The Association has not received any funding from the Council for many years now, and is currently self-sufficient, although following Brexit, grants from the EU will no longer be available.

NTTA activities since February 2022 and forthcoming events

During 2022 our activities resumed, following a two-year Covid hiatus, including:

- Welcoming 30 Eeklo students to Newbury for a guided tour and lunch on 30 March 2022
- Five members visited Bagnols in France in May 2022
- Two members visited Eeklo in Belgium in June 2022
- Four members visited Zamosc in Poland in July 2022
- Nearly 40 young people (aged 18 – 27) from Newbury and seven of our linked countries spent a week in Newbury (at Thirtover Place) in August 2022. During the week they visited London and Oxford, had a treasure hunt in Newbury and met the Mayor, had a water activity day on the Thames and an activity day at Thirtover with approximately 20 additional young people, including 3 Ukrainian refugees. Events included archery provided by the Newbury Archery Club, and other activities inspired by the 'Gamesmaster' TV show. The latter event was supported by a grant from Greenham Trust.
- Six members visited Feltre in August 2022
- Two members attended a weekend-long meeting in Brussels in September 2022, which concluded the latest Thematic Network Project, including events in 7 different countries since 2019.



Members enjoyed a number of social activities in 2022 including a delicious meal at Newbury College in the Spring, regular coffee mornings in Angelica's Café, Camp Hopson, a quiz night and a well-attended Christmas Dinner at the Watermill Theatre's restaurant. It was lovely to have the Mayor and Mayoress join us for the occasion.

On Saturday 11th February we were pleased to host a coffee morning at the Town Hall, and the Association would like to thank the Mayor for gifting the use of the Council Chamber. On the same day we held our Annual General Meeting, attended by the Deputy Mayor and over 30 members of the Association. After the business part of the meeting everyone enjoyed a meal prepared by members.

Membership

Membership is open to all local residents who enjoy taking part in visiting our Twin Towns or welcoming visitors to Newbury, and some town councillors are members – but we would welcome more! Activities are publicised in our newsletters, social media and by email. Membership costs £10 per person or £20 for a family. Members are entitled to a 10% discount at Angelica's Café in Camp Hopson and at Honesty Café in Parkway.

Clubs and Societies

We are also very keen to hear from organisations within Newbury who would like to know more about our Twin Towns, or are keen to visit. In the past we have helped arrange concerts for choirs and exchanges for individuals and groups. Our Twin Towns all have interesting things to see and do, for example Feltre has an exciting running race each September, the 'Giro della Mura' which is run at night with headlamps around the ancient city walls <https://www.girodellemura.it/> The NTTA can help facilitate trips by such groups to our Twin Towns.

NTTA and NTC

The Association is still looking forward to seeing Carcaixent added to the Newbury 'welcome' signs, following the twinning in 2019.

Gillian Durrant
Chairperson
Newbury Twin Town Association
14th February 2023

Public Report to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee

27th February 2023

Agenda Item 8: NTC 25th Anniversary Working Group Report

On 1st April 2022, Newbury Town Council celebrated their 25th anniversary since the Town Council was formed in 1997.

It was agreed in a meeting of Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee in July 2021 that a Working Group would be formed to consider and deliver commemorations and celebrations to mark the silver anniversary throughout 2022 and the beginning of 2023.

An events programme was created for the year ahead, as well as special edition silver Mayor's Bear pin badges which were distributed throughout the year. A digital campaign was also launched on the 1st April 2022 which showcased a special anniversary logo used on all Council's digital communications including email signatures, letter heads and social media; in addition to a special section on our website displaying Council impact and achievements over the last 25 years and upcoming anniversary celebratory events.

The section on the website displaying Council impact and achievements was also produced as a physical display at many of the public events which celebrated the anniversary, with a primary focus on how the Council has helped support the local community in Newbury.

The display was first unveiled as part of the Working Group's flagship event on 1st April 2022 which was an anniversary reception in St Nicolas Church Hall. This was a private event where former Councillors and Officers were invited to attend, reminiscing on their time and memories with Newbury Town Council. The evening had a nice balance between having formalities and socialising.

The events programme was very focussed on public involvement; including two special Beating the Bounds events, and one Beating the Bounds by Bike event, all which took place over the Summer of 2022 and were very well attended and enjoyed by members of the from many different cultural backgrounds.

We also hosted a Town Hall Family Open Day in July to exhibit the physical display of achievements to the community and encourage visitors to the Town Hall which was well attended. Our annual Heritage Open Day also used as a vehicle to display our special exhibition which took place in October.

As we come to the end of the anniversary, I would like to offer my thanks to those who were on the Working Group and were involved in developing and delivering the activities for the celebration over the past year and a half; Councillors Gary Norman, Jo Day, Billy Drummond, Martha Vickers and Elizabeth O'Keeffe, and Joyce Lewis for their efforts and contributions.

I would like to hope that all Councillors, the public and all have had the opportunity to enjoy the commemorations and learn more about the important impact Newbury Town Council has on the local community.

E.J. Mullen

Civic Manager

06 02 2023

Discover Newbury's Public Art



NEWBURY TOWN TRAILS



The Public Art Trail is defined by pieces of commissioned and site-specific art (including community and temporary works) which may fall under the concept theme of 'Flow'. This trail also includes local pieces of site-specific art and sculpture work of local interest created post 20th century.

1 Two Rivers
Michael Fairfax - 2021
Newbury Station Approach
This is Newbury's most recent piece of site-specific art in the town. The design reflects the importance of water, the canal and river routes through the town and its history, showing the rivers, canals and lakes of Newbury. The piece is made from bronze, and being reflective can change depending on the light of the sun.

2 Newbury Mosaic
Paul Forsey - 2005
Newbury Library
The Newbury Mosaic is a piece of community art which was the brainchild of the Mayor of Newbury for 2004-2005, Cllr Mike Rodger. Designed local artist Paul Forsey and put together with the assistance of more than 4000 local people and the support of numerous local business. The mosaic shows a timeline of historical scenes from Newbury's history over the last 1000 years on 12 linking panels. Books about the creation of Newbury Mosaic are available to purchase from Newbury Town Council.



LEFT: Two Rivers (1)
ABOVE: Newbury Mosaic (2)

3 Symphony of the Trees
Kate Robinson - 2007
Victoria Park
Made of bronze and steel, this piece of work is designed to be touched and explored. Created as part of a two-year education project coordinated by The Corn Exchange aimed at engaging autistic children through music and visual arts. Only parts of the original sculpture remain in Victoria Park, as it was stolen from the park shortly after being installed in 2007. Four years later, the sculpture was returned to Newbury Town Council after a local couple found it on Snelsmore Common.

4 Couple in Conversation
Johannes Von Stumm - 2006
Robin Hood Roundabout
Commissioned by Newbury Town Council as part of their original Town Trail. The steel sculpture stands between 4-5 metres tall and weighs around 6 tonnes. The best way to see this work is to have a look at it while at the traffic lights heading North to the roundabout.

5 Flying Woman
Giles Penny - 2004
Waitrose Entrance
Located by the entrance of Waitrose, Flying Woman is a single metal cut-out panel of curved form, with the shape of a woman cut and turned up from the surface towards the sky. Commissioned for Discovery Properties Ltd when developing the new Waitrose store, and the sculpture was included as part of the development scheme. The sculpture was unveiled on 26th May 2004.

6 Ebb and Flow
Peter Randall-Page - 2003
Newbury Lock
Commissioned by Newbury Town Council, this was the first piece of art produced as part of the concept theme of 'Flow'. Peter Randall-Page submitted the winning Ebb & Flow design to be installed at Newbury Lock. While the design is a simple granite bowl, it is connected to the lock by underground piping; so when the lock fills, the bowl also fills with water. When the lock empties, the bowl empties too.

7 Binary Conversation
Joseph Hillier - 2012
Andover Road
Two heads which stand facing each other on the Old Hospital Green, one head is formed out of hundreds of steel balls while the other is made of steel rings. This piece was commissioned jointly by Sovereign Housing Association and Newbury Town Council in partnership with Hunters architects. The sculpture has recently been surrounded by the planting of a new NHS Commemorative Garden where all plants have medicinal properties. The project received a 'Pride of Place' award from The Royal Horticultural Society in 2021 in which the judging panel commended the use of the existing Binary Conversations sculpture as the nucleus for the garden design.



LEFT: Ebb & Flow (6)



RIGHT: Binary Conversation (7)

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The aim of the project is to showcase the town's culture and heritage, while highlighting the aspects of what makes Newbury unique.

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The theme came from Fairfax's research to reflect the importance of the history of the town, highlighting the wool industry, trade in agricultural and other commodities, new technological industries, and Newbury's position as the intersection of major North-South and East-West routes for travellers by road, rail, and water.

It was decided that the first piece of art to be produced under this theme should be a sculpture. Artists were invited to submit designs as part of a competition to create a piece of site-specific public art which incorporated flowing water. The winner of the competition was Peter Randall-Page who submitted a design for a granite bowl sculpture at Newbury Lock which is now known locally as Ebb & Flow, and was installed on the 27th July 2003.

Work began in 1998 to introduce a series of site specific, permanent and temporary, public art pieces into the town centre in anticipation of the new Millennium. The works produced are varied but are linked by the concept theme of 'Flow'. The theme was developed by local artist, Michael Fairfax in 1999. The theme of Flow was chosen to represent the importance of the movements of people, of goods, of water, of ideas, of vehicles and most recently, of data, through Newbury.

With 'Flow's' reference in the most recent piece of commissioned work 'Two Rivers', the Town Council wish to keep this concept thriving in new pieces of work to be developed in the future.

A MAP OF NEWBURY



- TOURIST INFORMATION
- TRAIN STATION
- BUS STATION
- TOILETS
- DISABLED TOILETS
- CAR PARKS
- THEATRE & CULTURE
- PUBLIC ART
- STATUES & LANDMARKS
- GREEN SPACES
- PEDESTRIANISED AREA
- 10AM-5PM (CYCLING PERMITTED)
- PEDESTRIAN ROUTES



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Discover Newbury's Blue Plaques



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- 1 **Doris Page MBE**
39 Essex Street
Pioneering Disability rights campaigner.
- 2 **Esther Jane Luker**
Luker Court, Ireland Drive
The first Headmistress of Newbury Girls' School.
- 3 **Albert Alexander**
Carnarvon Place, Andover Road
The first person to be treated with Penicillin.
- 4 **Elsie Kimber**
64 Bartholomew Street
The first female Mayor of Newbury in 1932.
- 5 **Walter Money**
Market Street (corner with Bartholomew Street)
The founder of modern Newbury historical studies.
- 6 **Newbury Brewing Industry**
St Nicolas House, West Mills
St Nicolas House was home to Samuel Slocock, proprietor of the West Mills Brewery.

- 7 **Jack of Newbury**
24 Northbrook Street
Also known as John Winchcombe, leading "clothier" during the reign of Henry VIII.
- 8 **Stewart Rome**
58 Northbrook Street
Celebrating the career of the British film actor at the building formerly known as Newbury Picture Palace.
- 9 **John Newport Langley**
West Street
Professor of neurophysiology at Cambridge University
- 10 **Francis Baily**
62 Northbrook Street
The birthplace of the local astronomer.
- 11 **First Mobile Phone Call 1985**
20-22 The Broadway
Michael Harrison made the first mobile telephone call in the UK close to this site in January 1985.
- 12 **George & Pelican Inn**
2 London Road
Newbury's most famous coaching inn for those traveling on the A4 from London to Bath.

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Newbury's Blue Plaque Scheme

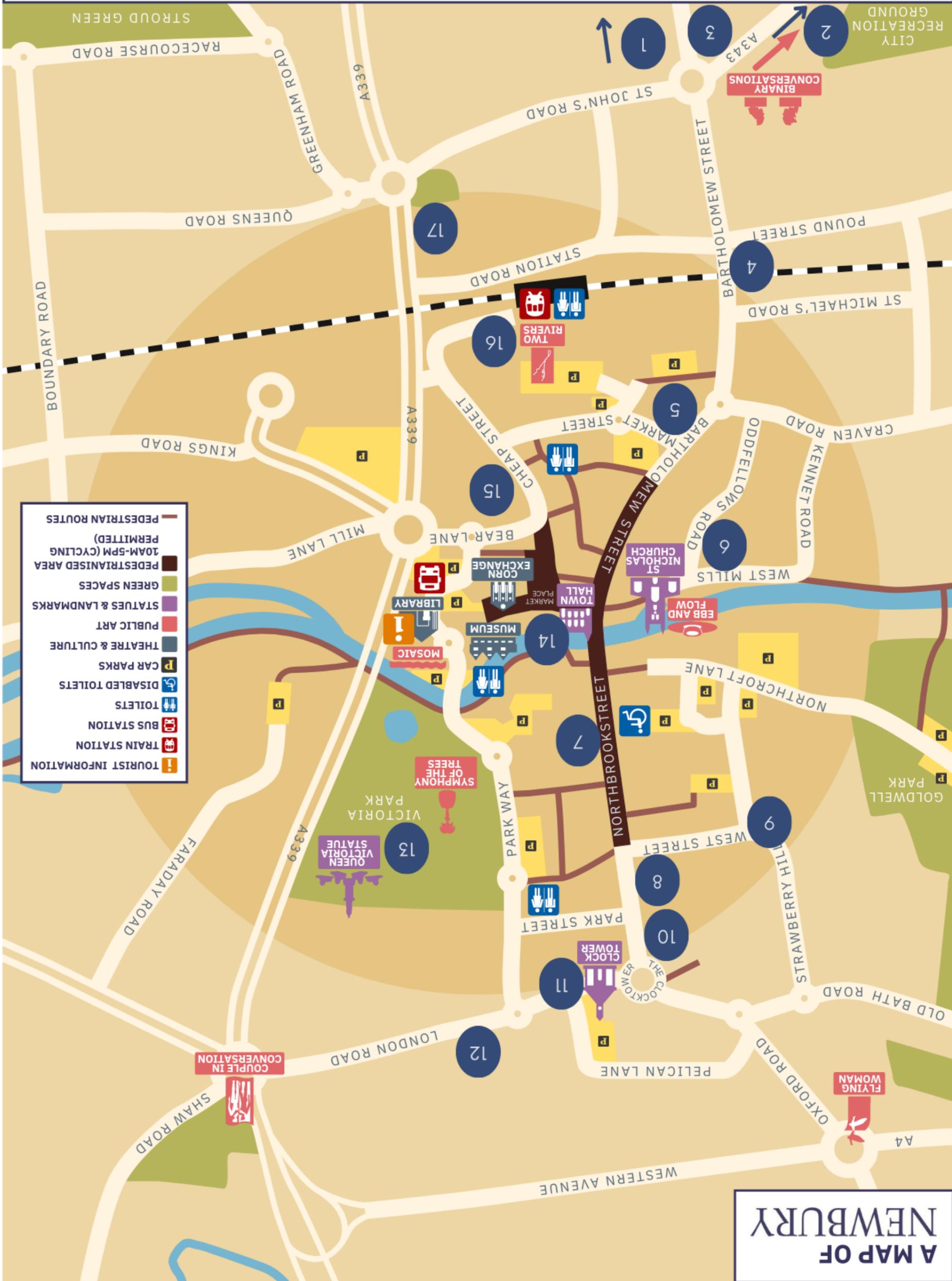
- 13 **Lottie Dod**
Victoria Park Tennis Courts
An outstanding sportswoman, winning multiple Ladies' Wimbledon Tennis Championships in the late 1800's.
- 14 **James H Money**
Town Hall, Market Place
Architect for Newbury Town Hall, and more than 30 other buildings in Newbury.
- 15 **Plenty's Eagle Iron Works**
Cheap Street
Local business which relocated to Newbury in the 1790's near Cheap Street until 1965.
- 16 **DNS Railway**
Station Road
Commemorating the former Didcot, Newbury and Southampton Railway line, vital for transporting military supply and personnel.
- 17 **Rev. James Bicheno**
Greenham House, Newbury Gardens Day Nursery
Local campaigner against slave trade in 18th Century.

These plaques also celebrate businesses and industries who have had a significant impact on the town of Newbury. The original blue plaque scheme was established in 1867 by the Society of Arts in London, and since then the scheme has been replicated in hundreds of towns and cities around the country.

Newbury Town Council's Blue Plaques, in conjunction with the Newbury Society, commemorate the lives of significant Newbury residents through the ages and mark where they lived or worked.

Members of the public are welcome to put forward their suggestions of a person, a business or notable event for a blue plaque to be discussed by the Town Council's Heritage Working Group, as long as the person has been dead for at least 10 years. For more information about the history of each Blue Plaque recipient, please visit: newbury.gov.uk/History/BluePlaques

A MAP OF NEWBURY



- TOURIST INFORMATION
- TRAIN STATION
- BUS STATION
- TOILETS
- DISABLED TOILETS
- CAR PARKS
- THEATRE & CULTURE
- PUBLIC ART
- STATUES & LANDMARKS
- GREEN SPACES
- PEDESTRIANISED AREA (10AM-5PM (CYCLING PERMITTED))
- PEDESTRIAN ROUTES

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 12: **His Majesty King Charles III Coronation**

Context

His Majesty King Charles III is due to celebrate his Coronation on 6th May 2023.

As part of the celebration, the Royal Office has announced a programme of activities to commemorate the occasion, including the addition of a Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023. Plans for the Coronation weekend include:

- **Saturday 6 May:** Coronation service in Westminster Abbey; coronation procession; Buckingham Palace balcony
- **Sunday 7 May:** Concert and lightshow at Windsor Castle; Coronation Big Lunch, street parties encouraged in the community.
- **Monday 8 May:** Extra bank holiday; Big Help Out encouraging people to get involved in local volunteering.

Current Position

There are a lot of considerations to factor in when deciding how best to approach how Newbury Town Council commemorates the Coronation; including our limited Officer capacity during this time, budget and the local elections which are due to take place on 4th May. With the elections, this means that we won't have a Council that will have signed their declarations when the commemorations are taking place.

Due to our resources and Officer capacity, it wouldn't be recommended for Newbury Town Council to host a large-scale event. Alternatively, it would be encouraged for the local community to take lead on celebrations, where Newbury Town Council will encourage the community to celebrate and facilitate where possible.

Whether they be Big Lunches, street parties, or volunteer events; it is proposed that Newbury Town Council encourages organisers to 'register' their community-led event with us so that the Mayor of Newbury can try to visit as many as he possibly can.

By having the Mayor visit as many community-led events as possible, this would be a great way to promote the Mayor in the local community and also raise the profile of the Council.

At each visit, the Mayor could also give organisers and children celebrating a commemorative pin badge to mark the coronation. This would be the King's royal cypher or the newly created Coronation logo.

Part of the PR for this would be signposting the public how to effectively host an event for the occasion; for example, signposting to West Berkshire Council to apply for a street closure or different types of volunteering that could be carried out.

Once organisations and community groups register their event, we would then arrange the Mayor's Calendar to make sure himself, and possibly the Deputy Mayor, are able to visit as many as they can.

Financial

At the last meeting of Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee, it was agreed that £1,500 had been put forward in the 2023/24 budget to support commemorations.

It's recommended that this budget goes towards commemorative pin badges to distribute amongst volunteers and children at community events which the Mayor visits.

Consultation

The Civic Manager has also spoken to Garry Poulson at Volunteer Centre West Berkshire and he has said that he is happy to help signpost any community groups who are hosting volunteer events over the course of the weekend to Newbury Town Council to be included on the Mayor's programme of visits, and for us to support the promotion of.

Consensus between lots of other Councils nation-wide is that they're also looking to go down the route of promoting community-led event activities and events due to existing time constraints and budgets that are in place, with many piggy-backing or re-branding pre-existing events they host to recognise the Coronation.

There have already been discussions had with Community United West Berkshire who are interested in hosting an event in Victoria Park over the Coronation weekend which we have said that we would be happy to support and promote, including it on the Mayor's programme of Coronation events to attend once they've confirmed their arrangements.

Recommendation

To approve the recommendation to encourage local communities to host events to celebrate King Charles III coronation, with an aim for the Mayor to attend as many as possible.

E.J.Mullen

Civic Manager

09 02 2023

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 13: Mayor's Festive Afternoon Tea

REPORT

The Mayor's Festive Afternoon Tea took place on Tuesday 13th December 2022, 2pm – 4pm in Newbury Baptist Church Hall.

The event was held as an alternative to the Mayor's Drive and Tea Party which usually takes place in the Summer but has not been held since 2019. Since then the organisers have decided that the event would no longer be viable to continue after proving it difficult to get up and running again following the 2 year hiatus due to covid.

Last year, this alternative event was hosted by the Mayor, Cllr Billy Drummond, at St Nicolas Church Hall, and the Mayor was interested in hosting it again in 2022 in place of the Mayor's Drive & Tea Party. The event would follow the same principles of the Mayor's Drive & Tea Party – for residents in the town for those age 75 and over and funded by the Mayor's Benevolent Fund.

2022's event followed the same event plan of that of 2021, but with an alternative venue of Newbury Baptist Church Hall due to St Nicolas Church Hall being unavailable. Both these venues are able to accommodate more guests and provide easier disabled access than the Council Chamber.

A press release was issued 5 weeks before the event took place inviting residents to contact the Civic Office to book their place to attend. Ticketed entry is required for an event of this nature to ensure we were able to accommodate guests in the venue and manage the food that would be confirmed and ordered in advance.

1 week prior to the event, only 20 guests had expressed an interest in attending. Local care homes were contacted, and the guest list soon filled up with residents from Fair Close, Newbury Grove and Argyles to attend, bringing our guest list to 45.

Tickets were sent to majority of attendees who registered their interest far enough in advance; those closer to the date didn't receive tickets due to the ongoing postal strikes but details were still taken on a guest list to ensure entry. A condition of attending was that all guests had to provide their own transport to and from the venue, this was not provided.

On the day, we had 37 guests in attendance, with some dropping out due to illnesses and other commitments. Each guest was welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress and were offered a welcome drink before taking to their seats for afternoon tea. Catering was provided by Casual Dining by John who arranged individual Christmas afternoon tea boxes.

Once guests had finished their afternoon tea, entertainment was provided and arranged inhouse; as well as Christmas music playing in the background, the Mayor hosted a game of bingo and encouraged tables to take part in a group quiz. Prizes were also given out to the oldest lady and gent present, and a random prize draw was done for 3 guests to win £25 Tesco vouchers.

Verbal feedback was given to volunteers and the Mayor upon exit, all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their day. It was a very nice, wholesome event to host which got everyone into the festive spirit and brought the community together. The number of guests in attendance was a good, manageable

number where volunteers were able to provide attention to each attendee and make them feel a part of the experience.

The only suggestion for improving the event was to potentially host the event an hour later or have the food later. A number of guests mentioned that they had only just had their lunch and were not ready for tea. However, every guest was able to take their box of food home with them which they could have later in the evening.

The Civic Manager put a volunteer call out to all Councillors who would like to take part and support the event, this was positively received. Roles included meeting and greeting upon arrival, pouring of welcome drinks, serving of tea or coffee, clear up, making sure guests felt accommodated throughout the event and wash up after service and pack down and tidy of the venue once the event is finished.

All volunteers deserve a huge thank you for all their support for this event, without volunteer involvement events like this are not possible to run.

CURRENT STATUS

There is potential for this event to run as an annual event in place of the Mayor's Drive and Tea Party, although it's important to be mindful of the budget required to host the event, reliance of volunteer availability and venue size if there was a wish for the event to grow in guest numbers.

The total cost of hosting the event was just over £1000. This includes hire of Newbury Baptist Church Hall, afternoon tea boxes, welcome drinks and prizes for games. This cost is very much similar to that of the Mayor's Drive & Tea Party and was fully funded by the Mayor's Benevolent Fund; though it's important to note that the event is only viable to run if there's enough donations to the Mayor's Benevolent Fund. In short, the more money raised for the charity, the more opportunity there is to host more guests.

Though weighing up the reviews of the event and the risks involved, I would recommend that the Festive Afternoon Tea is a permanent fixture in the Civic Calendar in place of the Drive & Tea Party moving forward.

STRATEGY

B6. Support the organisation of an annual event for the over 75s in Newbury, to be attended by the Mayor.

CONSULTATION

Following consultation with Angela Spellman, and the organisers of the Mayor's Drive and Tea Party, they confirmed that they have no desire to continue the running of the previous event any further but would be very happy to support a new event to run in place of it.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risks involved in the running of this event as an alternative are mainly financial if there is a wish for the event to grow, however this would only be possible if plenty funds are available in the Mayor's Benevolent Fund to support expansion.

FINANCIAL

This event would solely be funded by the Mayor's Benevolent Fund charity. Previous events have required a spend of roughly £1000, and it's important to be mindful of the charity's funds when planning an event of this scale and what is achievable with funds that have been charitably raised.

EQUALITY

The Mayor's Benevolent Fund charity's aims are:

- To help aid those in financial need within the Newbury Town Boundary
- Fund an annual event for the over 75s
- To aid and support other local organisations within the Newbury Town Boundary

This event would fall under the second charity aim.

The reason it's specifically for the Over 75s is because there is an opportunity for residents who don't fall into this age bracket to apply for the Mayor's Benevolent Fund Christmas Gift Appeal during the month of November.

DECISION REQUIRED

To approve the recommendation that this event is a permanent fixture in place of the Mayor's Drive and Tea Party.

E.J. Mullen,

Civic Manager

14 12 2022

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 14: **Ebb & Flow Information Panel**

Context

In September 2022, a new information panel was installed with current, updated information by the Ebb & Flow sculpture by Newbury Lock.

Because a new information has been installed, the old panel still remains in place. The information on this is faded and the existing lectern requires repairs.

Following the previous Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee meeting in November 2022, the Civic Manager explored the pricing options for repurposing the former Ebb & Flow panel, which also includes a brief on the significance of Lock Cottage.

It was suggested at the last meeting that an idea could be to refresh the information on the panel to show the significance of Lock Cottage and provide some more focused and updated information on the history of the site.

Financial

A quote was obtained from Crescent Signs for the repair of the panel.

For the repairs to the existing lectern, the new manufacture of the top frame and mounting of new information, this would cost £798.00 +VAT. The design and artwork generation for a new graphic to be included would cost £75.00 +VAT for the first hour, with £48.00 +VAT per hour there after.

There is £1500.00 in the Civic Pride, Arts and Culture 2023/24 budget dedicated for this specific project.

This means that the project wouldn't be able to commence until the start of the new financial year in April 2023.

Consultation

If this recommendation were to go through, proposed wording and artwork for the significance of Lock Cottage would be brought to the next meeting of Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee in July 2023.

This would be done in consultation with local historians within the town, including those who are members of Heritage Working Group, to ensure correct and accurate information.

Strategy

2.E: Celebrate and encourage appreciate of public art and Newbury's heritage.

Recommendation

To approve the recommendation for the refurbishment of the former Ebb & Flow Information Panel to be repurposed to share information about the significance of Lock Cottage.

E.J. Mullen

Civic Manager

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 15: Civic Manager Reports (Civic Carol Service Report)

On Friday 16th December 2022, Newbury Town Council hosted the Civic Carol Service at St John's Church which started at 6pm.

This was the first Civic Carol Service to not take place at St Nicolas Church since 2018, and therefore involved more preparation in comparison to recent years where we joined up with St Nicolas' pre-arranged Carol Service.

The service this year was devised alongside Fr Gary Collins, the Mayor's Chaplin and representatives from St John's Church.

Invitations were sent out to dignitaries, former Mayor's, Councillors and representatives of the Mayor's Charities one month in advance of the event. Around 60 of our invited guests attended on the evening, this included the Mayor of Thatcham. Apologies were received from the Chairman of West Berkshire Council, Mayor of Hungerford, and our MP. Members of the public were encouraged to attend the service and join the Civic Service, there were around 20 additional guests on top of our 60 which were invited and given reserved seats.

No formal procession took place from the Town Hall, however proceedings on the evening began with a short Mayoral Procession at the beginning of the 6pm service; led by our Town Marshal and the Macebearers, followed by the Mayor, Mayoress, Mayor's Cadet and Mayor's Attendant.

The service itself went very well; with special thanks to Christopher for providing the Church Choir for the evening, and to all who delivered a reading.

Refreshments were provided by Newbury Town Council in the Parish Room at St Johns following the service. Mulled wine, mince pies and tea and coffee were available. Once the service had finished, the Town Marshal escorted the Mayor's Party to the Parish Room where a receiving line was in place to welcome all those who were in attendance for refreshments.

A special thanks need to be extended to the Civic Team who went above and beyond to ensure that all regalia was at the church on the evening, and helped with the preparation, serving and clear up of refreshments.

Thanks is also extended to St John's Church, Fr Gary Collins and all the volunteers at the church for helping make the Civic Service happen.

A retiring collection was made for the Mayor's chosen charities, Speakability & Eight Bells for Mental Health where £166.26 was raised and split equally between the two charities.

19th December 2022

E.J. Mullen, Civic Manager

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 15: Civic Manager's Reports (Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community)

Background

In accordance with the Newbury Town Council Strategy, Other Objectives No. 5
"Acknowledge the contributions made by those who improve Newbury life"

Objective

To raise the profile of all the positive things that happen in the community and, wherever possible, to acknowledge them.

Raising the Profile of the Council in the Community

The total number of letters of congratulations sent since the last meeting of this committee is 38 **(as of 20 02 2023)**:

21 11 2022 – Dave Seward, many years service as CEO of Berkshire Youth

21 11 2022 – Educafe, shortlisted in the For The People Awards

21 11 2022 – St Bartholomew's Ukrainian Pupils sharing experiences with peers

21 11 2022 – Swift Logistics toy appeal launch

30 11 2022 – Greenham Trust 25k in a Day initiative

30 11 2022 – Kaleb Fox Jones qualifying for Winter Regional Swimming Championships

30 11 2022 – Newbury 41 Club fundraising for Children in Need

30 11 2022 – Newbury Soup Kitchen fundraiser with Rob Rinder & Will Young

05 12 2022 – John Philip, delivering medical resources to Polish border

05 12 2022 – Kat Penn, Top 100 Female Entrepreneurs to Watch list

05 12 2022 – Newbury Rotary Club Santa Fun Run

12 12 2022 – Newbury Living Advent Calendar launch

12 12 2022 – Over 80s Parcel Fund success

12 12 2022 – Speenhamland Primary School community library

- 19 12 2022 – Bharati Shakha Newbury hosting climate change debate
- 19 12 2022 – Corn Exchange Festival of Light success
- 19 12 2022 – Newbury Bridge Club raising £4k for PALS
- 22 12 2022 – Sophie Ainsworth part of viral Christmas commercial
- 11 01 2023 – Corn Exchange Newbury panto Pay It Forward Scheme
- 11 01 2023 – Lord Lieutenant James Puxley receiving a RVO in Kings Honours list
- 11 01 2023 – David Slade, local playwright having play published
- 16 01 2023 – Microfocus, Christmas volunteering for Community Larder
- 16 01 2023 – Newbury Area Ukraine Support Group celebrating Orthodox Christmas Day
- 23 01 2022 – Bharati Shakha Newbury, toy donation to Home-Start West Berkshire
- 23 01 2022 – Corn Exchange Newbury, planning approved for new community space
- 23 01 2022 – Dayzie Simpson, blind teenager raising £1200 for Berkshire Vision
- 23 01 2022 – Newbury Tamil School’s Pongal event
- 23 01 2022 – Volunteer Centre West Berkshire’s successful V365 event
- 07 02 2023 – The Newbury Pub top 100 gastro pubs in country
- 07 02 2023 – Newbury Parkrun 500th event
- 07 02 2023 – La De Kitchen shortlisted for Best British Kebab Awards
- 13 02 2023 – Ollie Hassell-Collins, first England rugby cap
- 13 02 2023 – Smile Studio staff, saving patients life with defibrillator
- 20 02 2023 – Jones Robinson, £15,000 raised for local charities
- 20 02 2023 – Kaleb Fox Jones, national representation at Euro Swim Meet
- 20 02 2023 – Newbury Razzamataz, national award for Franchisee of the Year
- 20 02 2023 – Newbury RFC Annual Pink Day for Newbury Cancer Care
- 20 02 2023 – Newbury Weekly News, nominated for 2 National Newspaper Awards
- E.J.Mullen
Civic Manager
- 13 02 2023

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 16: Flying the Pride Progress Flag

Context

Last year, Newbury Pride flew their Pride Progress flag from the Town Hall. This took place on World Pride Day which is 27th June until the end of Newbury Pride which took place on 2nd July. This was very well received by the public and the LGBT+ community.

Since then, a Flag Flying policy was approved at the Civic Pride, Arts and Culture meeting which took place on 5th July 2021. As per the policy, the request for the rainbow Pride flag, or the Pride Progress flag should be taken to Civic Pride, Arts and Culture Committee for consideration to be flown.

Strategy

4B. Support initiatives to make Newbury a more inclusive town.

Consultation

Following consultation with Newbury Pride, they would very much like the Pride Progress flag to be flown once again this year for their Newbury Pride event and for World Pride Day.

This year, the Newbury Pride event is taking place on 24th June, so it would be recommended that the flag fly for 4 days from Saturday 24th June 2023 until the end of Tuesday 27th June 2023, which is World Pride Day.

Risk Assessment

The flag will be put up by a trained Officer.

Equality

Newbury Town Council prides itself on being an inclusive organisation, celebrating diversity and wishes to support initiatives to encourage inclusivity in the town.

Decision Required:

To approve the flying of the Pride Progress flag for 4 days, for the duration of Newbury Pride & World Pride Day 2023.

E.J. Mullen

Civic Manager

23 01 2023

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27th February 2023

Agenda Item 18: Civic Events

- a. To review civic events since the last meeting of the Committee
- b. To note the programme of civic events until the next meeting
- c. To receive ideas for suggested or potential future events or activities.

a. **To review** civic events since the last meeting of the Committee:

- Mayor's Festive Afternoon Tea – 13th December 2022
- Civic Carol Service – 16th December 2022
- Civic Awards Launch – 30th January 2023
- 25th Anniversary Open Day – 4th February 2023 – Cancelled
- 80th Anniversary Bombing of Newbury – 8th February 2023

b. **To note** the programme of civic events until the next meeting:

- Civic Awards Ceremony – 15th March 2023
- King Charles III Coronation Weekend – 6th May 2023 – 8th May 2023
- Mayor Making – 14th May 2023

E.J. Mullen

Civic Manager

09 02 2023

Newbury Town Council

Work Programme for Civic Pride, Arts & Culture Committee Meetings

Standing Items on each (ordinary meeting) agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Declarations and Dispensation
3. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting & update of actions
4. Questions/ Petitions from members of the Public
5. Questions/ Petitions form Members of the Council
6. Work programme and future business
7. Update from Local Democracy Working Group
8. Mayoral Letters
9. Flying of the Ukrainian Flag from the Town Hall
10. Civic Managers Reports
11. Civic Events
12. Discussion on Potential Future Civic Events

Meeting Date	Item
July	Election of Chairperson Report on Mayor Making Report and Review Civic Award Presentation Evening Heritage Open Day Art on the Park Local Democracy Working Group
September	Remembrance Sunday Planning Heritage Open Day Report Local Democracy Events NTC Silver Anniversary – Report on Outstanding Events Art on the Park Report Music Festival Ebb & Flow Information Panel Newbury Town Trails
November	Remembrance Sunday Report Report from Newbury & District Arts Association Report of Local Democracy Event Strategy Review Budget 2023/24 Civic Awards Planning NTC Silver Anniversary – Report on Outstanding Events
February	NTTA Report

Appendix 14

	Art on the Park Planning Civic Awards Mayor Making Festive Afternoon Tea Report – Future event in place of Mayor’s Drive?
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