

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CIVIC PRIDE, ARTS & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON  
MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Jeanette Clifford; Jo Day; David Fish; Dave Goff; Margo Payne (Chairperson); Anthony Pick; Kuldip Singh Kang; Julian Swift-Hook (arrived 7.32pm).

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Joyce Lewis, Civic Manager and Margaret Gore, Corporate Services Officer.

**22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors Jo Day, Sarah Greenall, Arthur Johnson.

Absent: Councillors Howard Bairstow, Tony Stretton.

**23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors Jeanette Clifford, Dave Goff and Anthony Pick declared that they are also Members of West Berkshire Council, which is declared as a general interest on their behalf and a dispensation is in place to allow them to partake in discussions relating to West Berkshire Council business.

**24. MINUTES**

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Anthony Pick

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kuldip Singh Kang

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee held on Monday 13 June 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

**25. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were none.

**26. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

There were none.

**27. CIVIC PRIDE ARTS AND LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW**

It was agreed that the Council Strategy and the Committee's Terms of Reference determine the strategy for the Committee and that this document was not required.

**28. NEWBURY ART TRAIL STEERING GROUP**

Members received a verbal report from Councillor Goff, Chairperson to the Newbury Art Trail Steering Group.

Members also received a presentation regarding a statue of John Winchcombe from Luke Webb & Sarah Kiernan of Offbeat Creations Studio. The Chairperson thanked them for their presentation.

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Julian Swift-Hook

**SECONDED:** Councillor Kuldeep Singh Kang

**RESOLVED:** That Members support in principle the proposal to erect a statue of John Winchcombe in Newbury High Street. It was agreed that this would be considered further by the Art Trail Steering Group and a proposal will be brought to the next Full Council Meeting scheduled for Monday 31 October 2016.

**29. MUSIC IN THE MARKET PLACE – SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2016**

Due to the absence of Councillor Arthur Johnson a report was not available regarding the Music in the Market Place event that was held on Sunday 14 August 2016 between 12 noon and 5pm. However, Councillor Julian Swift-Hook stated that the event was well attended. The event raised £540.00 for The Brain Tumour Charity.

**30. NEWBURY TOWN CIVIC AWARD 2017**

Members received a report from the Civic Manager, Mrs Joyce Lewis regarding the proposals for Newbury Town Civic Awards and presentation evening for 2017.

It was agreed that this council should concentrate on the existing categories next year. However, the Chairperson agreed to hold further discussions with the Civic Manager, Joyce Lewis regarding a possible business award.

**31. WORLD WARS WORKING GROUP**

The minutes of the World Wars Working Group meeting held on 21 June 2016 were received and noted by the Committee.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to both Phil Wood and Jayne Burrell for all their efforts for this working group including the organisation of the series of talks.

**32. QE 90**

The minutes of the QE90 Working Group meeting held on 20 June 16 were received and noted by the Committee.

It was noted that £400 has now been received from the Waitrose Green Token Scheme.

**33. NEWBURY IN BLOOM**

The minutes of the Newbury in Bloom Working Group meetings held on 15 June and 16 July 2016 were received and noted by the Committee.

Members were reminded that the Newbury in Bloom Award Ceremony was being held on Wednesday 13 September at 6.30 for 7.00pm in St Nicolas Church Hall.

**34. TWIN TOWN REUNION**

The report regarding the Twin Town Reunion was received and noted by the Committee.

**35. 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL IN MAY 2017**

The minutes of the NTC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group meeting held on 3 August 2016 were received and noted by the Committee.

**PROPOSED:** Councillor Kuldip Singh Kang

**SECONDED:** Councillor David Fish

**RESOLVED:** That the Terms of Reference for the NTC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Working Group be adopted.

Ideas suggested to help celebrate this Council's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary are:

- The creation of a new logo to be used for one year.
- Limited Edition mugs
- Social Media take over – what was happening on this day 20 years ago
- An exhibition of Councillors and Officers proudest achievements
- Reception for former Councillors, Officer and individuals/contractors/organisations who have worked with the Council over the years.

**36. NEWBURY TO BECOME A FAIRTRADE TOWN**

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

**37. TOWN HALL OPEN EVENING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK**

Members received and report from the Civic Manager, Mrs Joyce Lewis, regarding preparations for the Town Hall Open Evening on Friday 9 September 2016 between 4pm and 8pm.

The Civic Manager is still in need of volunteers to help Marshal. If anyone is available please contact Joyce Lewis direct.

**38. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2016**

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

**39. BID CHRISTMAS PLANS**

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

A report will be tabled at the next meeting of this committee regarding the Christmas Market to be held in Victoria Park.

**40. OBJECTIVE TL8 FROM THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGY: TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES**

It was noted that, in addition to the amount of play, recreational and sporting equipment that this Council and West Berkshire Council provide, Members made the following suggestions:

- Clean for the Queen / Community Clean to become an annual event
- The Charity Golf Day to be repeated in 2017
- Victoria Park Steering Group are setting up a Skate Park competition
- Once the tennis courts have been refurbished a possible Tennis Competition can be organised.
- The lapsed Mayors Cricket Match could be revived.

**41. DISCUSSION OF PAST AND POTENTIAL FUTURE EVENTS**

- a) The information relating to previous events as detailed on the agenda was received and noted by the Committee.
- b) The information relating to Future events as listed below were received and noted by the Committee:
  - Battle of Britain Service – 11.09.2016
  - Michaelmas Fair – 12-15.10.2016

**42. CIVIC EVENTS**

- a) The information provided by the Civic Manager was received and noted by the Committee.
- b) The information relating to future Civic Events as detailed on the agenda was received and noted by the Committee.
- c) The following suggestions were made:
  - Councillor Fish is happy to organise another Golf Day for charity in 2017
  - NTC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events
  - Newbury in Bloom – ongoing
  - Two Bowls matches – the first to be held earlier in the season as a replacement to this years cancelled event and the second towards the end of the season.
  - It was also suggested that Mr Mayor resurrect a charity cricket match

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.18PM.**

**CHAIRPERSON**