

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CIVIC PRIDE, ARTS & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, MARKET PLACE, NEWBURY ON
MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT

Councillors Howard Bairstow; Jeanette Clifford; Jo Day; Dave Goff; Sarah Greenall; Arthur Johnson; Margo Payne (Chairperson); Anthony Pick; Julian Swift-Hook (arrived 7.32pm).

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

61. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors David Fish, Kuldeep Singh Kang, Tony Stretton.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Civic Manager declared that Councillors Howard Bairstow, 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.

63. MINUTES

PROPOSED: Councillor Anthony Pick

SECONDED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure Committee held on Monday 21 November 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairperson.

64. QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were none.

65. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

There were none.

48. NEWBURY TWIN TOWN ASSOCIATION (NTTA)

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

Mr Ian Haslam, former Chairperson of the NTTA was available to answer questions. Mr Haslam, introduced their new Chairperson Ms Zita Lang.

49. NEWBURY ART TRAIL STEERING GROUP

The minutes of the Newbury Art Trail Steering Group were received and noted by the Committee.

50. WORLD WARS WORKING GROUP

The minutes of the World Wars Working Group meeting held on 23 November 2016 were received and noted by the Committee.

Chairperson of the WWWG, Councillor Jo Day gave a brief update as to the progress made, Cllr Day also asked Members to consider a proposal from the Trefoil Guild to create a 'River of Blood' made from knitted & crocheted Poppies similar to that at the Tower of London. This would be made ready for the final year of commemoration in November 2018 and would be laid around the war memorial.

Members of the Committee fully supported this proposal.

51. NEWBURY IN BLOOM

The minutes of the Newbury in Bloom Working Group meetings held on 11 January 2017 were received and noted by the Committee.

Chairperson of NIB Working Group, Councillor Sarah Greenall informed Members that they had received £2000 from Tesco's Bags of Help fund and they had secured two of the three organisations to sponsor the event.

The Chairperson, Councillor Margo Payne thanked the Working Group for the sterling work they have done.

52. 20th ANNIVERSARY OF NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL IN MAY 2017

The minutes of the NTC 20th Anniversary Working Group meetings held on 5 December 2016 and 25 January 2017 were received and noted by the Committee.

Councillor Sarah Greenall gave a verbal report informing Members that they had found a sponsor for the Limited Edition mugs that are to be made with the 20th Anniversary Logo on. The mugs will be sold from the Town Hall.

53. FAIRTRADE TOWN STEERING GROUP

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

54. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON RECEPTION

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

The Committee are happy for this event to continue.

55. MEMBERS LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

57. COMMUNITY CLEAN ACTIVITY

The information was received and noted by the Committee.

The Chairperson, Councillor Margo Payne thanked ward members for the support they had shown and felt this would be a good event.

58. DEATH OF A FORMER MAYOR

PROPOSED: Councillor Julian Swift-Hook

SECONDED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

RESOLVED: That this Committee support the proposal to make a small token gesture in the form of a charity donation or floral tribute from this Council on the death of a current or former Mayor of Newbury.

59. FUN FAIR IN VICTORIA PARK

PROPOSED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

SECONDED: Councillor Jeanette Clifford

PROPOSED: That Hebborn Family Fun Fairs be given permission to hold a small children's Fun Fair in Victoria Park from Wednesday 2 to Sunday 6 August 2017.

60. ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE BOMBING OF NEWBURY IN 1943

It was agreed that on the 10 February each year a Member or Officer of this Council place a small spring posy on the Memorial at St Johns Corner Gardens and that in 2018 a small service will be held to commemorate the 75th anniversary.

61. PROPOSAL TO ERECT A BLUE PLAQUE ON THE TOWN HALL TO JAMES H MONEY

PROPOSED: Councillor Anthony Pick

SECONDED: Councillor Howard Bairstow

PROPOSED: That Members support the erection of a blue plaque on the Town Hall to James H Money. The location yet to be determined.

62. 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. It was agreed that in future, only forthcoming events would be listed.
- b) The information relating to future events as listed below were received and noted by the Committee:
 - The Annual Pancake Race on Tuesday 28 February was also noted.

63. 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 addition was made:
 - Annual Bowls Match – 4 May 2017

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRPERSON DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.10PM.

CHAIRPERSON

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