

MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2021

Present: Councillor Mrs J Bell (Chair) and E Bell, Mrs G Bleasdale, Mrs K Brace, S P Colborn, S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, Ms R M Gratton, G N Hepworth, D McKenna, T Shepherd, B Taylor, Miss L Willis.

Apologies: R Arthur, Mrs L Kennedy, K Shaw

Officers: P Fletcher (Deputy Town Clerk)
Miss A Rountree (Minute Taker)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Councillors, Officers and members of the public gave 1 minutes silence for the sad passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore and also remembering the 100,000 people who have sadly lost their lives to the current pandemic.

AI1/21 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Such interests must be submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

AI2/21 ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDED that Members accept the amendment to the standing orders to incorporate the new regulations from the Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, to conduct virtual Council meetings.

AI3/21 HISTORIC STATUES, PLAQUES, MEMORIALS AND MONUMENTS

RECOMMENDED that Members note the information provided.

AI4/21 NHS AND FRONTLINE WORKERS DAY 5 JULY 2021

Members discussed the above event and noted that there are three parts to the day and noted that it would be appropriate for the Town Council to mark the event. Members made various suggestions on how this could be achieved which included involving local schools for flag designing, inviting

some members of the NHS and other keyworkers to attend so that the Town Council can pay tribute. Also invite the local community centres and Flanders who have worked tirelessly to provide food to local residents throughout the pandemic.

The Deputy Town Clerk stated that Dave McKenna was involved in organising this event and he suggested that Father Paul Kennedy could be contacted to ask if the Church Bells could be sounded at the top of Church Street. It was also noted that any arrangements would be dependent on the restrictions at the time.

Suggestions were also made that the Town Council could place on their website a community fundraiser which the Town as a whole could donate to the NHS.

RECOMMENDED that::

- (i) The Deputy Town Clerk contacts the schools regarding a design for a flag.
- (ii) The Deputy Town Clerk to arrange a list of invitees.
- (iii) If any Members have further ideas, they should pass these to the Deputy Town Clerk.

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PRESS OPPORTUNITIES

RECOMMENDED that the NHS and Frontline Workers Day can be advertised.

The meeting was then closed by the Chair.