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PROMOTIONS & LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at the Wellington Civic Offices on **Wednesday 28th February 2018** commencing at 11.00am.

Present:

Cllr L Carter	Jean Wordsworth
Cllr Alvey	Kevin Tanner
Cllr Mason-Morris	Hills Butchers
Cllr Fikeis	Bob Coalbran
Cllr Fairclough	Rev Nick Brook
	Mary- wellington remembers
	Nathan Muench

In attendance: Caroline Mulvihill – Communications & Events Manager

90/17 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Cllr Carter welcomed members to the meeting.

91/17 Apologies for Absence

Cllr McClements, Cllr Brittain, John Sweetland, Fay Easton, Frank Lauriello and Ross Vickers. Apologies accepted.

92/17 Declarations of Interest

None received.

93/17 To confirm the minutes from the last meeting – Wednesday 24th January 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded by Cllr Fairclough, and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that the minutes were a true and accurate record.

94/17 Matters arising from those minutes:

Minute 83/17(i): Declaration of Interest – Forms to be received.

Not all non-councillor committee member declarations had been received. There was a discussion around the 'wording' used in the documents that was given to WTC by NALC. It was agreed that this would be looked into.

Whilst this form was not meant to detract from the positive business that P & L does it is a 'box ticking' exercise and needs to be completed.

Caroline to identify missing declarations and request to be returned no later than the end of March.

Minute 83/17 (ii): Alleyway Mural:

Caroline explained that due to Kirsty being off sick no update could be given.

Minute 84/17 (i) Christmas Light meeting - update:

Caroline said that the meeting had been held and all ideas put forward. Colin from CMK had then come back with quotes for the various options and that these had now been passed to the Policy and Resource's Committee due to the finances involved.

Cllr Mason-Morris wasn't aware of this meeting so Caroline to ensure that she is invited to all future Christmas sub-committee meetings.

Minute 85/17 (v) Armistice Day – meeting 8.2.18 update:

Mary from Wellington Remembers updated the Committee that this meeting was well attended and included the new representative from the RBL Ian Wallace. Cllr Fikeis wasn't aware of this meeting so Caroline to ensure that she is added to the circulation list

Ideally a family representative from each of the 184 fallen soldiers was to be invited to take place in the Parade (behind the brass band)

National initiatives from the RBL had since been released and were being looked into.

Cllr Mason-Morris mentioned that she was also involved with the Poppy Honour project.

Mary stated that she has 110 photos and suggested that it would be a great idea to somehow display these.

Rev Brooke stated that he was looking into a Neighbourhood Peace Party to commemorate the war where everyone can come together to sit and eat as in the past the morning was for mourning and the evening was a celebration. Further details would be given as and when known.

Mary passed on her thanks to the committee for all their encouraging support with their project.

Cllr Carter mentioned that £3.5k had been secured for repairs on the Lych Gate and so far only £750 ring fenced for lighting.

It was mentioned that several commemoration plaques had been removed i.e. a brass one from the Methodist Church when renovated, these needed to be identified and re-commissioned. Kevin Tanner stated that Marc Petty may have a list and that he would contact him for a copy.

95/17 Correspondence:

1) Telford's Inspirational Woman of the year award 2018

Caroline expressed that 13 nominations had been received, judging would now take place, and the winner identified on Friday.

2) Update from Fay Easton

Caroline handed the Committee a hand out that Fay had prepared in her absence.

96/17 Forthcoming Events Calendar and additional events for 2017/2018

No update

97/17 Wellington Festival: Update report:

Councillor Mason-Morris reported that the festival would run for one week in May, 2nd – 7th, and two weeks in October.

The most successful elements from the October festival would make up the Spring festival line up such as the following:

Interactive Poetry Workshop, Inner magic circle lecture, healing sound workshop, a published crime writer author would be present at the Wrekin writers workshop, a makers fayre with over 20 stalls along with a cookery bus and would finish off with a Community History Day.

98/17 Walkers are Welcome:

Bob Coalbran updated the Committee that WRW had been working on the below projects as follows:

- Strong input into the Telford 50 mile tree walk
- Organisation of the Walking Festival that will take place 10th – 16th September, that would also hopefully include all of the Telford 50 walk, 6 walks covering the 50 miles made up of 5 – 12.5 miles each. The launch of the festival would be a litter pick of the Forest Glen at 10.00am on the 10th.
- Development of brochure material
- Friends of the Shropshire Way actively litter picking
- Path clearing sessions dependant on inclement weather

Bob reported that he had strong evidence that Rambler groups from as far as the Isle of Wight (30 members) had been to Wellington and that a group from Coventry were due on 10th March to visit the new works site.

Salop Leisure were heavily promoting the walking brochures.

Everyone agreed that this was extremely positive news and great for Wellington.

99/17 To receive information on other future events and activities.

- International Women’s Day – 8th March

It was mentioned that due to being £15pp and held on a working day that this event may not be assessable to all.

- Mayors St Georges Day fundraiser – 22nd April

A discussion as to if this was the best way to celebrate St Georges Day took place and it was agreed that for 2019 this would be looked into more. As only two St Georges Day subcommittee members attended the scheduled meeting it was decided that the desire for a stand-alone event wasn’t there for 2018. It was agreed that all of the events should be looked at in greater detail for 2019 and this should be an agenda item at March’s meeting.

Rev Brooke asked the committee if they would be supportive of his idea for the Walk of Witness using the Market Square for children to write prayers and thoughts / pictures in chalk on the floor. Caroline stated that it would have to be approved by T & W highways which she would look into and confirm back.

Bob Coalbran asked if there was such a thing as a ‘Friends of the Bowring Park’ group. Caroline said that a working group had been meeting and that she would ask the Clerk to add Bob to the group.

A discussion then took place around how the Bowring Park could be utilised more, suggestions were as follows:

- Crazy Golf
- Croquet
- Green Space Grant application for hiring sports equipment
- New use of the Cafe

Cllr Alvey promoted the Help for Hero’s annual event which would be held on May 6th at the Plough Pub for a days’ worth of entertainment and various stalls.

Cllr Mason-Morris mentioned H2A’s forthcoming Charter Day on 3rd March.

Kevin Tanner stated that he was delighted to see in the media on 23.2.18 about T & W, Cllr McClements and the friends group regarding the franchise of Wellington Station.

100/17 To agree date and time of next meeting – Wednesday 28th March 2018 at 11.00am.

Signed28th March 2018