

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **COMMUNITY & HERITAGE COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 17th OCTOBER 2018** AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL, 9 DEVON SQUARE, NEWTON ABBOT

PRESENT Councillors Mrs J Cleave (Chairman) Presiding
Mrs L Sheffield (Vice Chairman)

Councillors	R Hayes	M Pilkington
	D Howe	K Purchase (Mayor)
	Mrs A Jones	Ms L Roberts
	M Joyce	M E Ryan
	Mrs S Kingdom	T Ward
	C N Parker	

In attendance: Mr Ian Snell, Lions Club
Mr Malcolm Stone, Lions Club
Mr Eric Collar, Member of the Public

Officers in attendance: Natalie Hicks – Events Co-ordinator
Alexandra Robinson – Committee Administrator

226. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Carol Bunday, David Corney-Walker, Chris Coyle-Moore, Mike Hocking and Richard Jenks (Dep Mayor).

227. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee held on 27th June 2018 were received and signed as a correct record.

228. INTERESTS

Councillor Mrs J Cleave and M Ryan gave notice of their intention to declare an interest in Minutes (230) and (233) below, respectively.

229. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

230. PRESENTATION – LIONS CLUB

The Chairman welcomed Mr Ian Snell and Mr Malcom Stone from Paignton Lions Club and invited them to update Members on the work of the Lions Club and in particular the development of a new group in Newton Abbot. Following an introduction to the work of the Lions as a voluntary community support organisation, Mr Snell raised the following key points:

- Founded in June 1917 by Melvin Jones, in Chicago Illinois, to encourage local people to help in the community;
- 1920 formed the second club, in Windsor Canada;
- Following support for children evacuated from London to Canada during the First World War, the Queen acknowledged her appreciation and in 1950 a new Lions club was set up in London;
- By 1955 there was a Lions Club in Dublin, the first in Ireland;
- Today there are 1.48 million members across 46,000 clubs over 200 countries;

- Their vision is to be a global leader in community humanitarianism;
- The organisation is often the first to grant money and be on site in the event of a disaster worldwide, typical initial grants are for \$10,000 US Dollars;
- The Lions have five key themes, sight, environment, hunger, childhood cancer and diabetes;
- The membership in the UK has grown to over 16,000 members across 822 clubs with the Headquarters based in Birmingham;
- The South West Region has 1145 members across 57 clubs;
- The Lions Club have distributed over £39million in disaster relief;
- Initiated a Measles Inoculation programme, to deliver vaccines worldwide;
- 75% of money raised is put back into local communities;
- Volunteers are recruited based on their willingness to support, ability to give time to the community and above all enthusiasm; and
- Whilst Paignton Lions Club is well established Newton Abbot has taken longer to develop but it is hoped that a new Club can be set up to benefit the community.

The Chairman thanked Mr Snell for his informative presentation and invited questions or comments from Members:

- ✓ The Lion was selected based upon its symbol of integrity;
- ✓ Difficulty in gaining support could be due to the alternative community groups already established in the town;
- ✓ The presentation was to raise awareness of the Club and for Town Councillors to be able to promote the organisation among the community;
- ✓ The Lions Club will have a stall at the Victorian Evening to promote the new group.

The Chairman thanked both Mr Snell and Mr Stone for their time to update Members on the work of the organisation and wished them well in their endeavours in establishing a new Lions Club in Newton Abbot. She emphasised that it was not a recruitment exercise but important for Town Councillors to be aware of the organisation's presence and its development within the town. Mr Snell thanked Members for the opportunity to speak for the Lions Club, following which he and Mr Stone left the meeting.

Councillor Mrs J Cleave, having previously declared an interest took part in the discussion.

231. **SUB-COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/FORUMS**

A(i). EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 3rd OCTOBER 2018

Arising from the consideration of the report of the meeting it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Events Sub-Committee meeting held on 3rd October 2018 be hereby approved and adopted; subject to minor amendment; and

A(ii). COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GROUP – 10th OCTOBER 2018

Arising from the consideration of the report of the meeting it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Community Engagement Group meeting held on 10th October 2018 be hereby approved and adopted;

232. **CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS 2018**

The Chairman invited the Events Co-ordinator to update Members on the Christmas illuminations for 2018. Mrs Hicks reported that since the last meeting of the Community and

Heritage Committee, she was able to report that the installation would start on 17th October over three evenings. Mrs Hicks was able to show Members the lighting plan on presentation slides and she reported that the installation in Courtenay Street either side of the entrance to Market Walk would be delayed slightly due the scaffolding associated with the refurbishment works. However, these would be scheduled for a later date and the additional cost would be met by Teignbridge District Council. Mrs Hicks highlighted the additional feature for 2018, which included large baubles to go into the trees in Courtenay Street up to the Clock Tower. Members welcomed the addition but raised concern at the viability of the trees in future years given their size.

Members thanked Mrs Hicks for her efforts to date on the plans for the Christmas illuminations and noted, given the excellent display last year, they were sure that this year would be no exception.

233. **NEWTON ABBOT TWINNING ASSOCIATION – 40 YEAR CELEBRATION**

The Chairman invited Councillor M Ryan, as a member of the Twinning Association, to update Members on the proposed celebrations.

Councillor Ryan referred to the letter from the Twinning Association, previously circulated, in which it outlined their plan to hold a celebratory event to mark the 40th anniversary of the Twinning with Besigheim in June 2019. The Association had requested some assistance from the Town Council in funding a celebration and Members discussed the alternative events that could be provided. Members noted that in maintaining Newton's Place as the Council's key priority that other additional costs would need to be assessed carefully at the Council's Budget meeting. Therefore, in offering their full support to marking the 40th Anniversary of the Town's Twinning with Besigheim, it was;

RESOLVED that although the Committee was minded to offer financial support to the Twinning Association for the celebratory event, to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Town's Twinning with Besigheim in June 2019, the Committee agreed that a decision be deferred to the Council's budget strategy meeting with a view to a sum being included in the 2019/20 budget.

Councillor M Ryan having previously declared an interest took part in the discussion but not the voting thereon.

234. **NEWTON'S PLACE - UPDATE**

The Chairman invited Councillor M Ryan, Chairman of Newton's Place Project Board to update Members on the project. Councillor Ryan was pleased to report that a contractor had been selected for the construction and refurbishment of Newton's Place and that the final aspects of the contract were underway. It was anticipated that the contractor would be able to start on site mid to end of November 2018. He added that much of the work to protect items within the former church, such as the pulpit and font had been completed.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Ryan for his update to Members.

235. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

A. The Committee received and noted the proposed budgets for the following Sub-Committees and Working Groups for the period 2018/19:

- a) Community Engagement Group – Newton In Bloom budget of **£18,000**;
- b) Community Engagement Group – Museum budget of **£32,800**, and
- c) Events Sub-Committee budget of **£19,000**.

Arising from the discussion it was:

RESOLVED that the proposed 2019/20 budgets listed as a) to c) above be hereby approved and adopted and it being noted that any underspend from the 2018/19 budget for the Museum be transferred to the Newton's Place Project.

B. The Committee received and noted the Income and Expenditure statement for the Community and Heritage Committee, (for the period 1st April – 30th September 2018) and considered the proposed budget for 2019/20.

Following consideration, accordingly it was:

RESOLVED that a) the Income and Expenditure Statement for the period 1st April – 30th September 2018 for the Community and Heritage Committee be hereby approved and adopted and b) that the proposed budget for Community and Heritage Committee be hereby approved and adopted as a budget of **£25,000** for 2019/20

236. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community and Heritage Committee would be held on Wednesday 6th February 2019.

Chairman