



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of the EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING held on TUESDAY 8 MAY 2018 in the Almonry, High Street, Battle, at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Committee Members: Cllrs A Russell (Chairman), G Favell, D Furness and M Howell.
Representatives of: Battle Abbey School; Battle Bonfire Boyes; Battle Choral Society;
Battle Churches; Battle Guides groups, English Heritage; Parade Marshall.
District Cllr Kevin Dixon
Carol Harris (Town Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed invited guests to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr M Kiloh.
2. **Disclosure of interest** – None.
3. **The minutes of the Events Sub Committee meeting held on 18 April** were approved and duly signed by Cllr Russell.

4. **Armistice Beacon Event**

Cllr Russell confirmed that the original plan had been discarded as the Council was unable to take it forward. A National "Battle's Over" event, as attached, had been presented and well received at the recent Parish Assembly. This would encompass a gathering at the Memorial Hall at 6pm on 11 November 2018 to enjoy agreed poems, songs and verses prior to congregating on the Abbey Green for a 7pm lighting of a "Beacon" during the playing of the "Last post" followed by a full peel of bells from St Mary's Church. Those present agreed the format and emphasised that a broad range of people should be asked to read. The Battle Abbey School Choir and Battle Choral Society will liaise to provide the music; including a medley of upbeat songs available during war time. The Clerk was asked to check the capacity of the Memorial Hall and request that there be no charge for the use on this occasion. It was noted that Battle Bonfire Boyes do not have a brazier but felt that they could produce a small fire on the bullring. English Heritage hope to obtain sponsorship for a Beacon for the Abbey Gatehouse. Cllr Furness highlighted a proposal to unveil a Memorial Board at the Memorial Hall listing the war dead not included on the War Memorial. All Churches agreed to support the community event and to say a short prayer, as appropriate. It was agreed that refreshments could be provided in the Memorial Hall at the end of the event. The Clerk was asked to produce an article highlighting this event for the Observer newspaper.

Most invited guests left the meeting at this point.

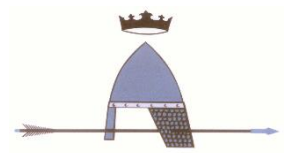
5. **Parish Assembly**

The attendance had been good with no contentious issues raised. Members noted:

- 2 questions had been received and were answered as appropriate;
- The Neighbourhood Plan group had welcomed a new member from the meeting;
- A surprise that no mention had been made of the reasons for the closure of the NatWest bank although it was accepted that the brief had been to inform residents of the options available;
- There had been no comments on the Wildflower meadow areas. It was noted that there had been no consultation or feedback from residents;
- No questions on the Almonry Community Heritage Centre had been raised;
- Presentation of Awards had been well received;
- Only questions had been in relation to potholes.



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Suggestions for next year's meeting:

- Chairmen; District and County Councillors; and Police representative to sit at the front with other Councillors to the side;
- Questions to be invited with each presentation.

6. Battle in Bloom Competition and Awards Event

Members were reminded that banners publicising the event had been approved previously and the Clerk was asked to order these for erection as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Awards event will be held on Thursday 19 July and would follow the same format as previous years.

7. Matters for information / future agenda items

- Armistice event
- Remembrance Day Parade

8. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 June at 6pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.00pm