



Battle Town Council



MINUTES of the EVENTS SUB COMMITTEE MEETING
held on TUESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2016 at The Almonry, High Street, Battle at 6.00pm

Present: Cllrs A Russell (Chairman), D Furness, M Howell and M Kiloh.

In attendance: Carol Harris (Town Clerk), Simon Alexander and Peter Mills

1. Apologies for absence – None.

2. Disclosure of interest – None.

3. Terms of reference

These had been agreed at the previous ER&TD meeting and were noted.

7. Annual Concorde 1066 day on 14 October

The Chairman welcomed Mr Alexander and Mr Mills and invited them to address the meeting. Mr Alexander reported on the successful Concorde 1066 event this year and suggested that this should be taken forward as an annual event for the benefit of Battle. He highlighted the knowledge that had been gained over the 3½ years of preparation and offered to share this information. Cllr Russell thanked Mr Alexander and Mr Mills and the Committee agreed to put this forward for the ER&TD Committee to discuss.

4. Parish assembly 2017

The TC confirmed that the Wynne Room had been booked for 11 April 2017 with the foyer being available for displays of achievements by the Council and other organisations. Members agreed that:

- an Annual Report with written statement from all Committee Chairmen should be circulated to all households;
- the above will be included in the Spring edition of the quarterly town magazine;
- the District and County Council should be asked for a donation towards the costs incurred as the document would include their reports;
- questions would be invited prior to the meeting to enable full answers to be provided;
- the Parish Assembly notices should be erected 2 weeks before the meeting and increased publicity put in place.

Possible topics for discussion at the meeting were suggested as: parking issues; progress report on the Neighbourhood Plan; consultation on plans for the Almonry building; and consultation on a Pavilion Café.

The TC was asked to contact Cllr Field again for a suggested speaker on the affects of funding changes, particularly in relation to the elderly.

The TC was asked to obtain a cost for circulating the Annual Report from the Post Office.

5. Beating of the Retreat and form an Armed Forces Covenant

Jonathan Darrington-Slegg VR had offered his apologies for this meeting due to ill health. Members agreed that, as a new project, this should be considered by ER&TD and that he be invited to address the next meeting of the ER&TD Committee.



Battle Town Council



6. Mayor's Charity

Cllrs Kiloh and Furness reported on their respective plans for the forthcoming year and it was agreed that Cllr Kiloh would finalise her projects by April to enable Cllr Furness to commence his fundraising activities in May 2017. Members were reminded that the events are arranged and managed by volunteers. It was suggested that the terms for Gift Aid should be clarified.

8. Twinning relations between St. Valery and Battle

Cllr Russell advised that informal conversations had resulted in requests by 2 members of the Battle Twinning Association for more involvement from the Town Council. Members discussed the role and implications of strengthening a link with St Valery sur Somme. It was agreed to add this to the next sub-Committee agenda. It was agreed that further discussions focus on the **civic** links between the town councils and not the social and cultural aspects which should be the remit of the twinning association.

It was noted that Cllr Fisher was a member of the Twinning Association in a personal capacity but the meeting deferred a decision as to the whether she should be an official BTC representative.

9. Battle in Bloom awards presentation event

Cllr Favell had advised that the Environment Committee's request had been for this sub Committee to manage both the competition and the award event. It was agreed that the events committee assume this responsibility.

Cllr Kiloh and the TC reported on past advertising and arrangement procedures and it was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the next meeting.

The TC was asked to confirm with Cllr Jessop and the Chamber of Commerce the plans for the Scarecrow competition.

10. Other events

It was agreed that the remit of this sub Committee is to manage existing Town Council commitments; particularly in light of the reduced number of Councillors available to undertake the work.

There were no other events to consider at this time.

11. Budget recommendation to ER&TD Committee for 2017-18

Members agreed to recommend to ER&TD that a Hospitality budget of £1000 be formed.

12. Matters for information / future agenda items – None.

13. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 22 February 2017 at 6pm

CLLR A RUSSELL
Chairman