



Ross-on-Wye Town Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Community, Markets & Tourism Committee**
held on Tuesday 29th May 2018 at 7.00pm
at The Corn Exchange, High Street, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5HL

Present: Councillor C Bennett (Chairman), Councillor N Gibbs, Councillor D Lister and Councillor R Mayo

Ex Officio Member: Councillor V Coker
Substitute Member: Councillor C Bartrum

In attendance: Mrs R Lewis – Project Officer

There were two members of the public present.

CMT18/05 #28 Apologies for Absence
Councillor J Roberts – Working abroad

CMT18/05 #29 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Bennett and Cllr Bartrum declared a Schedule 1 Interest in Agenda Item #35 being close friends of a trustee of one of the Grant Applicants.

CMT18/05 #30 Dispensations
None

CMT18/05 #31 Public Participation

Mrs Margaret Jones introduced herself as Secretary and Mr Ian Hedges, Vice Chairman of the Ross and District Branch of the Royal British Legion. They outlined their plans for the WW1 commemorations in October and November and provided a list of events taking place in the area.

A silent soldier was brought to show Members. These can be sponsored and placed in the town. The first is at the Ross Garden Store and two more are waiting to be put up. A request was made to put one on the railing at Smallbrook Gardens to being in situ from now until the end of the year. The Town Council was also asked if it would like to sponsor a soldier at a cost of £150.

These two requests to be considered by Full Council at its next meeting.

The RBL have booked a bugler and a piper (at a cost of £290) for the 11th November. They are hoping to receive £300 set aside for the commemoration by the council. These instrumentalists will be available for the Battles Over in the evening as well as the morning ceremony.

7.16pm

Mrs Jones and Mr Hedges left the meeting.

C Bennett
31/7/18

CMT18/05 #32 **Community, Markets & Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes** - to confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 11th April 2018. LGA 1972, Sch 12 para41 (1).

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Community, Markets & Tourism Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2018 be signed as a correct record.

CMT18/05 #33 **Action Review Summary** – to receive and review outstanding actions. Members were informed that most of actions have been carried out. Investigations are continuing regarding the Notice Boards.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the report.

CM&T/05 #34 **Applications for Grants**
To consider the following applications for grants;

- Enviroability – request for grant funding in the sum of £750.00 towards the cost of insurance for the Shopmobility Scheme.

Proposed: Councillor Bennett
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Gibbs

RESOLVED – to approve grant funding to Enviroability in the sum of £750.00 towards the cost of insurance for the Shopmobility Scheme.

It was agreed to consider putting an amount in the budget for this next year as it is a recurring request.

7.27pm *Councillors Bennett and Bartrum left the meeting having declared an interest in the following item. Councillor Gibbs took over chairing the meeting.*

- Ross Children's Projects – request for grant funding in the sum of £750.00 towards the cost of provision of play and activity sessions for young people.

Proposed: Councillor Mayo
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Lister

RESOLVED – to approve grant funding to Ross Children's Projects in the sum of £500.00 towards the cost of provision of play and activity sessions for young people.

7.39pm *Councillors Bennett and Bartrum returned to the meeting. Councillor Bennett resumed chairing the meeting.*

- Ross-on-Wye Horizon Centre - request for grant funding in the sum of £472.00 towards the purchasing musical instruments.

Proposed: Councillor Bennett
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Gibbs

RESOLVED – to approve grant funding to Ross-on-Wye Horizon Centre in the sum of £472.00 towards the purchasing of musical instruments.

E Bennett
31/7/18

CMT18/05 #35 Grant Funding Update

To receive and note final reports from organisations detailing expenditure of the grant funding:

- Haygrove Development Ltd - grant awarded in the sum of £490.00 towards the cost of materials to make raised beds.
- Ross-on-Wye Cricket Club - grant awarded in the sum of £750.00 towards the cost of purchasing an alarm system.

RESOLVED – to receive and note the final reports.

CM&T/05 #36 Christmas Fayre and Light Switch on Event 2018

To receive report and update from the Working Group

Cllr Lister reported that the Christmas Fayre would take place on Sunday 25th November and take the same format as in previous years. A list of administrative jobs for the office was being prepared, together with a list for the working party. On the day Cllrs Bennett and Lister would oversee the event with other members and volunteers helping out.

Members requested that thanks were recorded to Cllr Lerego for all her hard work over the last few years which had provided a firm basis for the continuation of the event.

CM&T/05 #37 To consider Committee involvement regarding proposed plans and events to commemorate the end of WWI (November 2018).

Members were grateful to the Royal British Legion for outlining their plans for Remembrance this year. They had offered to organise the arrangements for the regular Sunday morning event and would be able to offer limited help for "The Battles Over" event which the Council had registered to take part in 18 months ago.

This national event involves inviting the Lord Lieutenant (or her deputy) for the following:

- 18.55 The Last Post when 1000 individual buglers will sound. RBL have engaged a bugler for the day.
- 19.00 WW1 Beacons of Light – again over 1000 beacons are being lit across the country to symbolize an end to the darkness of war.
ACTION: RTC to arrange for the lighting of the beacon
- 19.05 Ringing out for peace
Action: RTC to ask St Mary's to ring their bells
- 19.05 A cry for peace around the world – 100 Town Criers will be joining in an international cry for peace. Members to consider this - a town crier would be required.

The event can be as big or small as the committee would like and Members were asked to submit their ideas to the Project Officer by the beginning of July in order for her to collate ideas for discussion at the next meeting.

Members suggested that the Council try to obtain sponsorship to help with any costs, e.g. Ermin could be asked to provide some lighting at the Prospect, Rotary, Lions and Oddfellows may be prepared to help steward and uniformed organisations may also like to be involved.

C Bennett
31/7/18

CM&T/05 #38

Markets

To confirm setting up a Markets Working Group and agree Terms of Reference.

Proposed: Councillor Bennett
Unanimous

Seconded: Councillor Mayo

RESOLVED – to set up a Markets’ Working Group to look at new ways of building and promoting the market.

Cllr Bennett and Cllr Mayo would be members with the addition of one or two market traders and residents. Cllr Lister would attend meetings when he was available.

CM&T/05#39

Ross Tourism Association

To receive a report on up to date initiatives and planned projects.

A report was circulated to members.

RESOLVED – to note the report

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57pm

..... *C Bennett*

Chairman

..... *31/7/18*

Date