

MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE:

Held at the Guildhall on Monday 18 June 2018

Present:

Cllr Nigel Kay
Cllr Mike Cosgrove
Cllr Geoff Wade
Cllr Claire Belsom

Ted Davis
Louise Bareham - Secretary

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs David Simmons and Antony Hook, Clive Foreman

2. Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Wade, seconded by Cllr Cosgrove and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Kay as Chair**

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were noted and there were no matters arising.

5. HLF and Museums Together

Cllr Wade acknowledged the hard work undertaken and the support from everyone to get the HLF bid off in time. It was recognised how incredible it was for all the groups to come together. **RECOMMENDATION that Faversham Town Council acknowledges grateful thanks for the contributions everyone made to the bid, including Harold Goodwin, John Owen, Lyn Newton, Martin Goodhew.**

It was agreed that whatever happened with the bid, there had to be a Plan B moved forward as part of the team and planning should be started immediately. It was felt that if the work had already been put in place, if there was a negative outcome from the HLF, there wouldn't be any further delay. It was agreed that it was imperative to speak with Harold Goodwin first, before anything was progressed. News of the bid results were expected by the end of September.

Various Plan B options were discussed, including applying for a £100,000 HLF grant. It was hoped that a meeting could be arranged with Harold soon, then a Museums Together meeting by August.

It was also agreed to write to the museums inviting them to provide something for display purposes; posters, events or something experimental. We would

get some costings together to assist with the purchase of the boards. The tourism map would also be put in No 12.

Thanks were also noted to Paul Sharrock for his patience over the HLF project.

The name of the building was still to be agreed and where the signage would go. Town Hall was still favoured for the pediment at the top of the building, with perhaps a different name above the shop front. The Clerk will get other designs drafted for a discussion online.

It was confirmed that No 12 would be open for the three Saturdays in July for Open House, where Magna Carta and Henry VIII Charter would be on display. Volunteers will be needed for the three dates.

6. Events

Cllr Kay noted the 500th Anniversary of Henry VIII visiting Faversham will be in 2019. He will be finding out details of the exact date.

There will be a small reception for Christ Church University on the 6th or 7th July for their exhibition. The official opening of the whole building will take place separately in either September or October, to fit in with other diary events. It will be vital to invite CCU, UoK and representatives from all the local schools and all the other groups who supported the project.

This year's Food Festival will have a large medieval aspect to it again.

7. Office Move

The building works are under budget and the staff will be up and running from there by mid-July.

Cllr Kay had now received revised costings from Kent Archives to restore the maps and the work will be going ahead, as the previous grants received will cover the work.

8. War Memorial Gate

The War Memorial Garden Gate was discussed, having been donated by a family in 1922 whose daughter's fiancé was killed in the War. The original intention had been to refurbish the gate and make a new one as a pair. However, Joel Tarr had advised that it was no longer the original gate of 1922 and there had been additions to it over time. It was also beyond repair. It was suggested that it could be on display in 12 Market Place, or at the Fleur if they had room to display it internally. The gate belongs to Swale Borough Council but Cllr Cosgrove suggested permission would need to be sought in the first instance.

RECOMMENDATION that the idea of displaying the gate is explored with a view to the Town Council displaying it in 12 Market Place.

9. Any Other Business

Cllr Cosgrove suggested that Plan B formed a series of work programmes and to get on to it as soon as possible.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16 July, 5pm