MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE:

Held at the Guildhall on Monday 1st July 2019

Present:

Cllr C BelsomDeputy Mayor, Cllr S BlairCllr J IrwinCllr T MartinCllr J SaundersMr H Goodwin (Faversham Society)

1. Apologies for absence None

2. Election of a Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr Blair and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr T Martin as Chair of the Heritage Committee**

3. Election of a Vice Chair

It was proposed by Cllr Irwin, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Blair as Vice Chair of the** *Heritage Committee*

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Co-option

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr Belsom and on being put to the meeting it was **RECOMMENDED** that Harold Goodwin be co-opted to the Heritage Committee

6. Terms of Reference

It was agreed to liaise with other organisations as there was a wealth of new museums, particularly through the Heritage Together/Hub. Cllr Irwin agreed to redraft the Terms of Reference for agreement and noted the importance of understanding what went on previously. Cllr T Martin agreed that the proposal for Magna Carta display may still be part of the future plan.

Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was *RESOLVED to review the Terms of Reference*

7. Update on Heritage Hub and Magna Carta Display

The proposal for Magna Carta had been completed by the same designer as the Sandwich Guildhall Museum.

Mr Goodwin noted his paper of February 2019 and confirmed that not much further progress had been made. He needed to speak to the Heritage Together group by September, lots of museums were interested in the Heritage Hub, together with other potential attractions not listed. He outlined the proposed concept of projecting maps of the town onto the floor or walls, which would have a number of layers using maps which were already accessible.

Cllr Irwin raised concern about lack of volunteers, but Mr Goodwin felt people would volunteer on issues that were of interest to them. Other concerns raised were that it could become a white elephant, but the IT can be updated and continue to grow. Maps were already being scanned for inclusion. By providing the projection straight on to the floor or wall would not impact on the flexible use of the space. Information could be accessed via the cloud but it needed a big platform, but it would allow schools to contribute.

The Heritage Together group were running a five week exhibition in 12 Market Place throughout August, with a number of heritage groups working together.

The Doddington Library is a unique example of a parish library of which there are only two examples, the other being at Canterbury.