

MEETING OF THE HERITAGE COMMITTEE held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Thursday 3rd October 2019

Present:

Cllr T Martin
Cllr J Irwin
Cllr J Saunders

Harold Goodwin (Faversham Society)

In Attendance

Emma Powell

1. Apologies for Absence

Deputy Mayor, Cllr S Blair
Cllr C Belsom

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

As per previous minutes Cllr J Irwin agreed to redraft the Terms of Reference. Cllr J Irwin apologised for not getting this done and stated he would get this completed for the next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin, seconded by Cllr J Irwin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to defer the Terms of Reference to the next meeting and to approve the minutes.**

4. War Memorial Gate

Harold Goodwin feels the War Memorial Gate is an important part of the town's heritage. He suggested to have the cultural value of the gate undertaken and recommended Jonathon Carey to do this. It was proposed by Cllr T Martin to defer this to the next meeting once a conservation report has been done. **All Agreed to defer to the next meeting.**

5. Five Senses Panel

It was proposed by Cllr T Martin to explore further correspondence to determine the national significant value. **All Agreed no decision can be made on this yet.**

6. Doddington Library

On the understanding, we are awaiting final clearance from faculty to go ahead.

7. Festivals

Harold Goodwin expressed how Festivals are apart of heritage, they keep the town alive and bring visitors to the town. By doing these festivals it encourages younger generation to share family/town's heritage. Cllr T Martin suggested extending our already existing festivals to acknowledge the heritage. Harold Goodwin wondered if a small grant each year for festivals could be given, to make something new (challenge fund). It was

proposed by Cllr T Martin and agreed by the meeting **to REVISIT this with a better idea of what we can do regarding the Challenge Fund.**

8. Signage

Cllr J Irwin feels the signage could do with an update and modernising. It's missing important things e.g. toilets/walkways etc. He feels that maybe funds from our future budget could be sourced to improve and update these. Harold Goodwin suggested if funds were tight, another option could be to upgrade Google with the help of Claire. Therefore directions, locations, signage could all be accessible via Google.

The following points were discussed by the meeting;

- Original signage needs work carried out to refurb and renew for the time being.
- Once Heritage map has been finalised and produced, we can determine if it can be used.
- Improving google mapping information and other available mapping services.
- Talk to Swale Borough Council regarding signage with walk times to reach certain points etc, as mentioned by Cllr J Saunders.
- Talk to Swale Borough Council to look at Front Brent's (Crab Island) and possibly locating the original artwork for it. To then decide whether to repair the damaged signage or remove it.

Cllr T Martin proposed and agreed by the meeting **to REVISIT at the next meeting to find out more information regarding possible funding from Swale.**

9. 12 Market Place

Harold Goodwin explained the 3-dimensional map and what it can offer. Cllr T Martin felt this increases the options and reduces the area that would be needed for this at 12 Market Place. It was agreed by the meeting **to REVISIT this until further discussions have been made.**

10. Budget 2020-2021

The following was discussed for 2020-2021 budget;

- Challenge Fund for festivals to include a heritage element.
- Signage review, whether we can down the route of using the new mapping system.
- Mapping Project funding
- Creation for the display of the Magna Carta
- Cost of any project that goes into 12 Market Place

Cllr J Irwin proposed and on being put to the meeting it was agreed **to REVISIT and leave open to collect more ideas.**

11. Any other Business

There will be a conference being held '**Historic Swale**'. This will be a display of presentations and public discussions. It will be held at the Apple Yard in Sittingbourne on the **21st March 2020**. Harold Goodwin has informed us the invites will be going out shortly.