

BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of HERITAGE, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY, 11th MAY 2017 at 7.00pm in THE GUILDHALL, BARNSTAPLE.

Present: Councillor Mrs V Elkins (Vice Chairman)
Councillors I Roome (Deputy Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), M Chamings, F Jefferies, G Langford, A Rennles and Miss M Lovering.

Also, present: Mrs K Graddock (Deputy Town Clerk) and Mrs M Sanders (Heritage and Cultural Manager).

HCC54 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Vernon, C Haywood, Ms N Haywood and I Williams.

HCC55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Councillors I Roome and Cllr Mrs J Hunt declared interests as members of North Devon Council but have been granted a dispensation to discuss all items on the agenda, in accordance with Standing Order 66.

HCC56 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 9th March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(NC)

HCC57 BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

Members were circulated the Budget Statement, prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the statement be received and noted.

(NC)

HCC58 BARNSTAPLE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Members were updated on the progress to date and that an interactive tour with a actors would also be included as part of the weeklong event. Members were reminded that it is essential for councillors to support the event and provide cover during the week.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted.

(NC)

HCC59 WEDDINGS

Members were given the following information on Wedding income to date. There are also 2 enquiries at present.

Year	Number of weddings	Income
2015	4	£2,160
2016	5	£900
2017	8	£1,800
2018	1	£240

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

(NC)

Members received a quotation to purchase an exhibition display combo for use at Wedding fayres and to display in the Guildhall when not in use.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk is authorised to spend up to £1221.00 on an exhibition combo.

(NC)

HCC60 VOLUNTEERS

Members were reported that a new volunteer handbook had been produced and the existing volunteers had been contacted to sign up to the new handbook and updated documents. If no response is received from them by the end of the month, it will be presumed that they no longer wish to volunteer. Members were further reported that discussions were being held with the Museum and Plough Arts Centre regarding a possible joint volunteer recruitment drive in the near future.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

(NC)

HCC61 REQUEST FOR MAYORAL MONTAGE

Members were circulated a letter from Mrs Green (artist) who had requested for the Mayoral Montage and Chain of Succession to be returned for permanent safe-keeping.

RESOLVED: That the Mayoral Montage and Chain of Succession be returned to Mrs Green with a letter of thanks and a request that the Town Council may ask for the return of the artwork in the future for display in the Guildhall.

(5.1.1)

HCC62 MATTER TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –
PART B

RESOLVED: That the following item be excluded from the Press and Public as defined by Standing Order 81d.

(NC)

HCC63 THE GUILDHALL

Members were given an update on the progress of The Guildhall feasibility study and potential funding bid. A brainstorming session was held with potential uses to explore.

RESOLVED: That the update be received and noted and the suggestions for potential uses be submitted to the Buildings Review committee for consideration.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 7.58pm.

Chairman.

Signed

Dated