

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.00 pm**  
**in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair), Paul Bramham (Vice Chair), Chris Hogg and Lynne Oldham
- APOLOGIES** Councillors Tirvengadam, Brook, Clare, Sutton and Liz Richardson (Town Clerk)
- OFFICERS** Jack Jones (Town Treasurer) and Hazel Belshaw (Temporary Council Secretary)
- 119/17/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None
- 120/17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
- 121/17/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**  
  
The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April, which had been approved by full Council on 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> April be accepted as a correct record.
- 122/17/18 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**  
**Review of Spend Against Budget 909/16/17 (Ref Minute 1017/16/17)**  
The Treasurer confirmed an email had been received from Michael Duff and he was really happy with the current arrangements.
- 123/17/18** Councillor Oldham confirmed she was present at the last Meeting although was not listed as present.  
  
This was checked by the Town Clerk and Councillor Oldham was not present at the Meeting.
- 124/17/18 Rinteln 25<sup>th</sup> Twinning Anniversary Events (Ref Minute 1019/16/17)**  
Councillor Blackman confirmed that Colin Reynolds and Friedrich Wilhelm Hoppe will be attending the events for the Rinteln Male Voice Choir on 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> September and wondered if it was worth organising a special event to commemorate the coming together of the two towns. Councillor Blackman will look into organising something for this.
- 125/17/18 Rinteln 25<sup>th</sup> Twinning Anniversary Events (Ref Minute 1019/16/17)**  
Councillor Blackman confirmed that the Pied Piper would be attending the Torchlight with funding of £250 each from the Torchlight Committee, Kendal Town Council and the Rinteln Association.

Councillor C Hogg advised that he had put a sum of his SLDC budget towards this so it may be worth checking that the promised funding did not exceed the expected costs.

- 126/17/18**                    **Review of Spend Against Budget (Ref Minute 1021/16/17)**  
The Treasurer confirmed all civic events now appear on one line.
- 127/17/18**                    **REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
Councillor Blackman presented the Terms of Reference which had been previously circulated and were approved by Members.
- RESOLVED**                    That the Terms of Reference were approved.
- 128/17/18**                    **MEETING DATES 2018**  
Councillor Blackman presented the Meeting dates for 2018 which had been previously circulated. These were noted by Members.
- RESOLVED**                    That the Meeting dates for 2018 were noted.
- 129/17/18**                    **REVIEW OF MAYOR MAKING 2017**  
It was felt by Members that Mayor Making 2017 was a success and recognised the hard work of the Town Council staff especially due to the absence of the Mayor's Secretary.
- 130/17/18**                    Councillor Blackman asked why there was a decision made to not serve drinks for the young people at Mayor's Sunday. The Treasurer confirmed it was due to the lack of take up in previous years. If the drinks were to go ahead as in previous years' Councillor Oldham said she would be happy to serve.
- 131/17/18**                    **MAYORAL EXPENDITURE LOG FOR MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2018/19**  
There was a brief discussion on this item and the Treasurer advised it was always best to keep a record of any expenditure as this would inform any future discussion on the amount of the Mayoral allowance. The Town Clerk could update further at the next meeting.
- REOLVED**                    The Town Clerk to update on Mayoral Expenditure log for Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the next Meeting.
- 132/17/18**                    **REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF CHINESE VISITORS TO COMIC ARTS FESTIVAL 2017**  
Members discussed the request for funding of Chinese Visitors for the Comic Arts Festival 2017. There was a discussion as to what the funding would be spent on and it was felt that more information was required. The Treasurer confirmed there is nothing specifically budgeted for this but suggested the underspend from Mayor Making could be used.
- It was proposed by Councillor C Hogg that the £400 be paid when it was established how the money would be used and this was seconded by Councillor Bramham and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the request of £400 be granted once it was established how the money would be spent.

133/17/18

**KENDAL WAR MEMORIAL REFURBISHMENT**

A letter from the War Memorial Restoration Co. had been received and previously circulated regarding a refurbishment of the War Memorial in the Market Place. Councillor Bramham felt that the memorial was fine as it was. He has visited many war memorials over the years and most are respectfully kept in 'vintage condition'. Councillor C Hogg also felt that the work was unnecessary and that more information on the War Memorial Restoration Co. was needed before going ahead. He suggested approaching Historic England to see if they have any examples of refurbished memorials and ask if they were aware of any other Councils been approached to have similar work done.

The Treasurer said it is unusual to be approached by a potential contractor and advised that if the work exceeded £10,000 then it would need to go out to tender. For work costing less, three written quotes would be required.

It was proposed by Councillor C Hogg that advice was sought from Historic England on whether the work was necessary and if other Councils had been approached for similar work to be carried out and this was seconded by Councillor Bramham and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

To seek advice from Historic England on whether the work to the War Memorial was necessary and whether other Councils had been approached for similar work to be carried out.

134/17/18

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR RINTELN VOICE CHOIR VISIT IN SEPTEMBER 2017**

Councillor Blackman confirmed there was no more to add following the discussion under Matters Arising.

135/17/18

**ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

None.

136/17/18

**REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET**

The Treasurer presented the review against budget. He highlighted the following points:

- There was an underspend from Mayor Making of £600.
- The cost of the condition survey of heritage assets to 31 March 2017 had been charged against last years' budget.
- The commitment shown for this year's costs of the survey was based on the original quote and it might be understated.

Councillor C Hogg asked if Kendal Museum had requested the proposed grant. The Treasurer confirmed they had not. Councillor Bramham suggested a prompt.

**RESOLVED**

The Treasurer to prompt Kendal Museum regarding their grant.

**137/17/18**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

An email has been received from Dawn Chandler who had recently exhibited a painting in the Beach Hut Gallery with images of Kendal including one of the Pattern Book. The exhibition has now finished and she has asked if the Town Council would like to borrow the painting for up to six months to hang in the Town Hall.

There was a discussion by Members on the size of the painting and where it would hang. It was decided that if the painting would fit and that the Town Council would not be liable for any damage whilst it was in the Town Hall they would like to take her up on the offer.

**RESOLVED**

To contact Dawn Chandler and thank her for her kind offer and seek her advice on the size of the painting and whether the Council would be liable for any damage.

**138/17/18**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The meeting closed at 7.52pm.

**Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council**

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>127/17/18</b>	Terms of Reference	<b>RES</b>	That the Terms of Reference were approved.
<b>131/17/18</b>	Mayoral Expenditure Log for Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2018/19	<b>RES</b>	The Town Clerk to update on Mayoral Expenditure log for Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the next Meeting.
<b>132/17/18</b>	Request for funding of Chinese visitors to Comic Arts Festival 2017	<b>RES</b>	That the request of £400 be granted once it was established how the money would be spent.
<b>133/17/18</b>	Kendal War Memorial refurbishment	<b>RES</b>	To seek advice from Historic England on whether the work to the War Memorial was necessary and whether other Councils had been approached for similar work to be carried out.
<b>136/17/18</b>	Review of spend against budget	<b>RES</b>	The Treasurer to prompt Kendal Museum regarding their grant.
<b>137/17/18</b>	AOB - Painting	<b>RES</b>	To contact Dawn Chandler and thank her for her kind offer and seek her advice on the size of the painting and whether the Council would be liable for any damage.