

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair), Paul Bramham (Vice Chair), Guy Tirvengadam and Lynne Oldham
- APOLOGIES** Councillors C Hogg, Brook, Clare and Veevers
- OFFICERS** Hazel Belshaw (Temporary Council Secretary)
- 345/17/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
None
- 346/17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None
- 347/17/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June, which had been approved by full Council on 7<sup>th</sup> August.
- Councillor Bramham proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Oldham and carried unanimously.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> June be accepted as a correct record.
- 348/17/18 MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)**  
**Rinteln 25<sup>th</sup> Twinning Anniversary Events (Ref Minute 124/17/18)**  
Councillor Blackman advised that unfortunately Colin Reynolds (Mayor in 1992 at the time of twinning) had not received an invitation to the afternoon tea held at the Town Hall at the weekend. The Town Clerk confirmed that an invite had been sent out and a reply received.
- 349/17/18 Rinteln 25<sup>th</sup> Twinning Anniversary Events (Ref Minute 125/17/18)**  
Councillor Blackman advised that the Pied Piper will be arriving on Thursday evening and is working with Heron Hill School on Friday before taking part in the Torchlight Carnival on Friday evening. He will also be present for the street party in town on Saturday.
- 350/17/18 Request for Funding of Chinese Visitors to Comic Arts Festival 2017 (Ref Minute 132/17/18)**  
The Town Clerk confirmed this has been paid.

**351/17/18****Kendal War Memorial Refurbishment (Ref Minute 133/17/18)**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the company have not been back in touch regarding the refurbishment work. She confirmed if they did get in touch she would do some more work on it as recommended by the Committee.

**352/17/18****Arrangement for Rinteln Voice Choir Visit in September 2017 (Ref Minute 134/17/18)**

Councillor Blackman confirmed that the Rinteln Voice Choir performed on Saturday with the K Shoes Male Voice Choir at the Town Hall. He said it was a good evening and was fairly well attended.

**353/17/18****Any Other Business (ref Minute 137/17/18)**

The Town Clerk confirmed she had contacted Dawn Chandler regarding her painting but advised Members that Dawn had since given the painting to the Liberal Democrat's office to be displayed there.

**354/17/18****2018/19 BUDGET PROPOSALS REPORT**

The Town Clerk presented the 2018/19 Budget Proposal that had been previously circulated.

She advised Members that they needed to decide if they needed to increase or decrease the proposed budget and also whether there were any one off payments requests they may have.

Members reviewed item 12 of the Agenda at this stage, Review of Spend Against Budget 2017/18.

- Mayor's travel was considered. It was noted that a reduction from £1200 to £800 had been made from 2016/17 to 2017/18.
- Civic functions. It was noted that there had been an underspend on the 2017/18 Mayor Making, mainly due to lower numbers therefore less food was required.
- Restoration. Members discussed putting in a bid for some extra money for any restoration requirements to come from the condition survey.

It was proposed by Councillor Bramham to recommend a Development fund bid of £4,000 for any issues arising from the condition survey. This was seconded by Councillor Oldham and carried unanimously.

- Exhibition. Members discussed the idea of an exhibition next year. Councillor Bramham suggested a small exhibition in the Romney Room for the Centenary of the end of the First World War. The panels from the 2014 exhibition are still available and Councillor Bramham confirmed he had some artefacts that could be used.

It was proposed by Councillor Bramham to recommend an extra £1,000 for a small exhibition in November 2018 to commemorate

the Centenary of the end of the First World War. This was seconded by Councillor Tirvengadam and carried unanimously.

- RECOMMENDATION**
1. The Committee recommend a Development fund bid of £4,000 to pay for any restoration work that comes from the condition survey.
  2. The Committee recommend an extra £1,000 to pay for a small exhibition in November 2018 to commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War.

**355/17/18**

**KENDAL MUSEUM GRANT REQUEST**

The Town Clerk presented the grant request received from Kendal Museum that had been previously circulated. The Museum advised the money would be used to replace the thin glass fronts of the display cases with perspex.

It was proposed by Councillor Bramham to approve the grant request. This was seconded by Councillor Tirvengadam and carried unanimously

**RESOLVED**

That the grant request from Kendal Museum be approved.

**356/17/18**

**CONSIDERATION OF MAYOR/DEPUTY MAYOR EXPENDITURE LOG – TO BE KEPT FOR YEAR 2018/19**

The Town Clerk advised Members that over the last couple of years the Mayor and Deputy Mayor had been asked if the Mayoral allowance was sufficient. To have a better idea it is suggested that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor keep an expenditure log. Councillor Blackman did feel this could be a little intrusive and after speaking with other former Mayor's on the matter it could lead them to reveal their tax allowance, not something everyone would be comfortable with.

It was proposed by Councillor Blackman that a log of expenses for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was not necessary. It would be sufficient to continue asking Mayors and Deputy Mayors if the allowance met their needs. This was seconded by Councillor Tirvengadam and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the keeping of an expenditure log for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was not necessary.

**357/17/18**

**UPDATE ON HERITAGE CONDITION SURVEY**

The Town Clerk confirmed the Heritage Condition Survey is complete. She will ask the Mayor's Attendant to summarise this into a short report showing the order of urgency and should be able to present this at the next meeting.

Councillor Bramham commented that he recently had family visiting from America and they visited the Mayor's Parlour for a talk and thought the Mayor's Attendant was excellent. Councillor Blackman commented that John Bateson had also given the same feedback recently. The Town Clerk will pass this on to the Mayor's Attendant.

**358/17/18****MAYOR'S PARLOUR SECURITY – REF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MINUTE 115/17/18**

The Town Clerk advised that a discussion from the last Management Committee around the security of the Mayor's Parlour had taken place. The discussion started due to the erection of the scaffolding. She confirmed the scaffolding had now been made secure. She also confirmed that the windows are alarmed as well as the door to the Parlour. There is CCTV within the Town Hall with a camera capturing the area outside the Mayor's Parlour door and the footage is kept for 30 days.

**359/17/18****LIGHTING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL – REF FULL COUNCIL, MINUTE 286/17/18**

The Town Clerk presented an email from Councillor Emmott that had been previously circulated. Since the request the Town Clerk had checked and the 4 columns are not part of the war memorial and therefore are not the remit of KTC. The Town Clerk has advised Councillor Emmott that it is probably Cumbria County Council who would need consulting.

It was proposed by Councillor Oldham that KTC are happy for the war memorial to be illuminated. This was seconded by Councillor Tirvengadam and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee are happy with the illumination of the war memorial.

**360/17/18****ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

The Town Clerk advised that the next edition was looking quite full. She confirmed that an item on Wainwright Award nominations would appear. Other suggestions were:

- Report on 25<sup>th</sup> Rinteln Anniversary Twinning events
- Report on the 2017 Kendal Walking Festival

For the Spring 2018 edition:

- The exhibition of the Centenary of the end of the First World War

**361/17/18****REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2017/18**

The Town Clerk presented the review of spend against budget 2017/18 that had been previously circulated.

A discussion on this had taken place under item 5, 2018/19 Budget Proposals Report, and Members noted the contents.

**RESOLVED**

That the Review of Spend Against Budget 2017/18 be noted.

**362/17/18****ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Tirvengadam advised Members that he would like to organise a festival on diversity for his Mayoral year, if he is elected next year. A similar event had recently taken place in Carlisle called the Carlisle Unity Festival. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the festival and

was a big success. He would like to tie it in with a Jo Cox memorial. AWAZ were involved in helping Carlisle with their festival and are keen to help with a Kendal Unity Festival. Councillors Blackman, Bramham and Oldham would all be keen to help. It was suggested the proposal be taken to Councillor Feeney-Johnson as Chair of the Christmas Lights and Festivals Committee for comment and to request funding.

**363/17/18**

Councillor Blackman suggested the 25 year Kendal Rinteln anniversary picture given by Rinteln needs hanging in the downstairs office. The Town Clerk to arrange.

**364/17/18**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The meeting closed at 8.09pm.

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

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>354/17/18</b>	2018/19 Budget Proposals Report	<b>REC</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee recommend a Development fund bid of £4,000 to pay for any restoration work that comes from the condition survey.</li> <li>2. The Committee recommend an extra £1,000 to pay for a small exhibition in November 2018 to commemorate the Centenary of the end of the First World War.</li> </ol>
<b>355/17/18</b>	Kendal Museum Grant Request	<b>RES</b>	That the grant request from Kendal Museum be approved.
<b>356/17/18</b>	Consideration of Mayor/Deputy Mayor Expenditure Log	<b>RES</b>	That the keeping of an expenditure log for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was not necessary.
<b>359/17/18</b>	Lighting of the War Memorial	<b>RES</b>	That the Committee are happy with the illumination of the war memorial.
<b>361/17/18</b>	Review of Spend Against Budget	<b>RES</b>	That the Review of Spend Against Budget 2017/18 be noted.