

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Mayoralty & Arts Committee

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

**PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman (Chair & Mayor), Paul Bramham (Vice Chair), Guy Tirvengadam (Deputy Mayor) and John Veevers

**APOLOGIES** Councillor Jonathan Brook

**OFFICERS** Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Nicky King (Council Secretary)

**986/17/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**987/17/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at this point.

**988/17/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017, which had been approved by full Council on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

Councillor Tirvengadam proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record. This was seconded by Councillor Bramham and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be accepted as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING** (Not on Agenda)

**989/17/18 Remembrance Sunday – Laying of Wreaths** (Ref 661/17/18)

It had previously been suggested by Councillor Brook that the Master of Ceremonies should be given a list of the people who were laying the wreaths to read out. Councillor Bramham had subsequently researched the matter and informed Members that the national tradition is for wreaths to be laid silently. This was noted by the Committee.

**990/17/18 REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018 UPDATE**

The Town Clerk advised that an inaugural meeting had been held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with the Deputy Mayor, Royal British Legion, the police and Reverend Saner-Haigh from Kendal Parish Church to discuss Remembrance Day 2018. Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday coincide on the same day this year and it is also the 100 year anniversary of Armistice. The Town Clerk explained that there would be a combined service and wreath laying

at the War Memorial, with wreath laying beforehand at Romney Road and K-Village. The actual order and timings were to be discussed at the next meeting due to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> March. The service and wreath laying was likely to last approximately 40 minutes, however Reverend Saner-Haigh was finalising the length of his service before this could be confirmed. Councillor Bramham requested to attend the next meeting and this was confirmed as Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

It was felt that there could be a large crowd this year; last year there was approximately 150-200 people and more were expected to attend this year with there being no service in the Parish Church. There was a general discussion regarding the need for St John's Ambulance to attend. It was also suggested that the Reverend wear a microphone and the use of speakers be considered. Town Clerk to check whether a road closure would be required and to prepare a Risk Assessment.

**RESOLVED**

Town Clerk to check whether a road closure would be required for the Remembrance Day service and prepare a Risk Assessment.

**991/17/18****WW1 ARMISTICE EXHIBITION UPDATE**

Councillor Bramham informed Members that he had carried out an appraisal of the Romney Room and identified the equipment that would be needed for the exhibition. He also had some authentic artefacts which could be displayed. He advised the Town Clerk that he would need some assistance from the Townscape Manager to set up and take down the exhibition. He also required a meeting to visit the picture store to look at the pop-up banners from the exhibition in 2014. The Town Clerk said she would ask the Mayor's Attendant to contact him to arrange a Picture Store meeting.

It was agreed that an article would be included in the KTC newsletter and details sent to the Westmorland Gazette nearer to the time of the exhibition.

**RESOLVED**

Town Clerk to ask the Mayor's Attendant to contact Councillor Bramham to arrange a Picture Store meeting.

**992/17/18****REGIMENTAL PARADE UPDATE**

The Town Clerk advised that a start-up meeting had been held on 18th January with Debbie McKee, Inspector Latham, a Support Officer from the Church and Shaun Ladier, Area Secretary North, Duke of Lancs Regiment. The Regimental Sergeant Major would also be involved but was currently in the process of being appointed. The next meeting was due to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

The parade would be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The format would closely follow the last parade, with a slightly earlier start time.

**993/17/18****CONDITION SURVEY WORK UPDATE**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the Mayor's Attendant was carrying out the various remedial actions to heritage items as outlined in the Heritage Condition Survey. He had met with Morag Clement, Archaeology Curator at Kendal Museum, for advice and she had recommended some suppliers for the special boxes and acid free tissues that were required.

The following individual items were highlighted:

**Charter of Peter de Brus III**

The Mayor's Attendant had made contact with a local restorer previously used by the Council.

**Romney Paintings**

The Mayor's Attendant had made contact with a local restorer previously used by the Council.

**Wall Clock**

The Town Clerk advised that the two specialists who had previously been recommended were unable to carry out the work. It was proving difficult to find a local clock repairer and it might be necessary to seek an expert wider afield. Another local suggestion was made and the Town Clerk said she would look into this with the Mayor's Attendant.

**Katherine Parr's Book of Devotions**

Advice is needed from the V&A Museum. The Mayor's Attendant has sent an email to the V&A and a reply is awaited.

**Bert Newman Cup**

The cup had been removed from safe and is now on display in the Mayor's Parlour.

It was noted that the remedial work to the heritage items would be work in progress for quite some time.

Councillor Veevers queried whether the Baron of Kendal was a signatory of the Magna Carta. The Town Clerk said she would endeavour to find out.

**RESOLVED**

That the Town Clerk endeavour to find out whether the Baron of Kendal was a signatory of the Magna Carta.

**994/17/18****TWINNING UPDATE**

Councillor Blackman advised that he had been invited to attend the Killarney Mountain Film Festival which would run from 9-11 March. Councillor Tirvengadam had also expressed an interest in attending. Committee were requested to fund the cost of flights (approximately £220 each) and car hire in order that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor could attend. In order to secure the cheapest fares Councillor Blackman had already booked the flights.

Councillor Veevers stated that it was not normal practice for the Deputy Mayor to attend. A general discussion then ensued regarding the stance of the Council in such circumstances. The Town Clerk advised that flights had been funded for the Mayor in the past, however usually only one visit per year was accepted. The Mayor said he wished to attend in order to support the Kendal Mountain Film Festival's involvement in the event

Following discussion, Councillor Veevers proposed that Committee funded the cost of flights and car hire for both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on this occasion, however in future Committee would only fund travel for the Mayor. This was seconded by Councillor Bramham and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That Committee funded the cost of flights and car hire for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend the Killarney Mountain Film Festival.

**995/17/18****BIRD'S NEST PAINTING (HEELIS COLLECTION) – JIGSAW DONATION**

A jigsaw of a very similar Bird's Nest painting by the same painter which was on display in the Mayor's Parlour had been offered as a donation to KTC. Committee discussed whether they wished to accept the donation, however it was felt that there was not enough space to display the jigsaw properly. It was suggested that Kendal Museum or the Armitage Museum in Ambleside should be contacted. Councillor Veevers proposed that the Town Clerk make enquiries as to where the jigsaw could be housed. This was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That Committee do not accept the donation of the jigsaw of the Bird's Nest painting. The Town Clerk to make enquiries as to where the jigsaw could be housed.

**996/17/18****ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

Items were agreed as follows:

Summer 2018 edition:

Freedom Parade

Killarney Mountain Film Festival

Autumn/Winter 2018 edition:

Kendal Unity Festival Report

Remembrance Day & exhibition

**997/17/18****REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2017/18**

The Town Clerk presented the review of spend against budget that had previously been circulated. This was noted by Members.

**998/17/18****ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Blackman informed Committee that he had received a letter from Edward Barrett regarding a book that he had written that had been published last year. The book was entitled “Ceremonial Swords of Britain – State and Civic Swords” and made reference to the sword held by KTC. It was available to purchase for £26 and Members were asked to consider whether they wished to purchase a copy. Following a general discussion Councillor Veevers proposed that a copy of the book be purchased. This was seconded by Councillor Tirvengadam and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That Committee purchase a copy of the book “Ceremonial Swords of Britain – State and Civic Swords” at a cost of £26.

**999/17/18****DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7PM**

The meeting closed at 8.13pm.

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

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>990</b>	Remembrance Day 2018 Update	<b>RES</b>	Town Clerk to check whether a road closure would be required for the Remembrance Day service and prepare a Risk Assessment.
<b>991</b>	WW1 Armistice Exhibition Update	<b>RES</b>	Town Clerk to ask the Mayor's Attendant to contact Councillor Bramham to arrange a Picture Store meeting.
<b>993</b>	Condition Survey Work Update	<b>RES</b>	That the Town Clerk endeavour to find out whether the Baron of Kendal was a signatory of the Magna Carta.
<b>994</b>	Twinning Update	<b>RES</b>	That Committee funded the cost of flights and car hire for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend the Killarney Mountain Film Festival.
<b>995</b>	Bird's Nest Painting (Heelis Collection) Jigsaw Donation	<b>RES</b>	That Committee do not accept the donation of the jigsaw of the Bird's Nest painting. The Town Clerk to make enquiries as to where the jigsaw could be housed.
<b>998</b>	AOB – Book entitled "Ceremonial Swords of Britain – State and Civic Swords"	<b>RES</b>	That Committee purchase a copy of the book "Ceremonial Swords of Britain – State and Civic Swords" at a cost of £26.