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Minutes of the meeting of the Mayoralty and Arts Committee held on Tuesday, 19 April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Georgian Room, Town Hall, Kendal.

Cllr J Brook	Present	Cllr C Hogg	Present
Cllr G Cook	Present	Cllr D Rathbone (Chair)	Present
Cllr J Dunlop (Vice Chair)	Present	Cllr R Sutton	Present
Cllr A Finch	Apologies	Cllr K Teasdale	Present
Cllr P Gibson	Apologies	Cllr G Tirvengadum	Present

In attendance: Chris Bagshaw (Town Clerk) and Simon Unsworth (Project Officer)

MA22/21/22 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from

MA23/21/22 Declarations of Interest

None

MA24/21/22 Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960)

None

MA25/21/22 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council received the minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2022.

Resolved: Accepted as a true record.

MA26/21/22 Twinning Issues

It was reported that the group had met and discussed Twinning, focussing mainly on the relationship with Rinteln. The following points were made:

- It is hoped that the next council will be proactive in addressing the Twinning issue;
- There is a need to regain the impetus in a concrete and practical way;
- There is to be an event in June to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the twinning relationship with Rinteln,organised by the Rinteln Association, which will hopefully generate new interest;
- That the twinning relationship with Rinteln has almost been more focussed on the town-to-town links, whereas with Killarney it has traditionally been more council-tocouncil:
- The Council and councillors can do more to publicise the twinning and encourage any involvement from residents and organisations;
- There was a friendship agreement with town in China that could be reinvigorated;
- The Twinning subgroup will continue to meet to address this issue.

Resolved: The Twinning subgroup to continue to meet to progress the issue of Twinning vitality.

MA27/21/22 Town Council Collection

The following points were made:

- Parlour talks are beginning again and bookings are starting to come in;
- All KTC livery has been returned from the Mace Bearers and Town Crier;
- Councillors (especially ones being elected in May 2022) may not fully understand the parlour and picture store;
- The role of the Town Crier to be reviewed and updated and recommendations will be brought to a future M&A committee for discussion;
- The collection should be available online. This is to be investigated.

Resolved:

- 1. The Mayor's Attendant to write a parlour introduction to the new councillor induction pack;
- 2. The Mayor's Attendant to arrange three sessions to allow any councillor to come and see the parlour informally (SKU)
- 3. That the new M&A committee be taken around the parlour and picture store.

MA28/21/22 Mayor's Insignia

The Mayor's Attendant had nothing new to report on this issue.

Resolved: The Mayor's Attendant to chase as a priority.

Roll of Honour

The Clerk reported a recent issue in the press concerning the identity of a soldier buried in Holland. There are no details, other than names, of the men from Kendal who died during World War Two. Gathering information may be a big job but as we have equivalent information for the dead of World War One it probably needs to be addressed.

Resolved: That the Town Clerk investigate whether other organisations have any of this information and whether it can be collated.

MA29/21/22 Newsletter

The Committee offered the following items as articles for the forthcoming newsletter.

- New council and Mayor
- 30 years Twinning with Rinteln
- Mayor's Parlour
- Walking Festival
- Queen's Jubilee

MA30/21/22 Review of Spend against Budget

The committee reviewed a statement of their current budget.

Resolved: To note the report.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm