

Stone Town Council – Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 16 February, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs J Hood in the Chair and
Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs K Green, R Kenney, G Neagus and M Shaw

By Chairman's invitation: Councillors G Collier and J Davies

ABSENT: Councillors Mrs M Goodall, P Leason and M Williamson

TTP16/036 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M Goodall, P Leason and M Williamson

TTP16/037 **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

None received

TTP16/038 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

TTP16/039 **Town Events**

Music Event

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that the Music Event will be held on Saturday 16th July. From 11am to 6pm will be the Young Musicians Collective in the Market Square. No acts have been booked for the evening yet. Windmill Radio will be supporting.

A working group for the event will include Councillors Mrs K Green, Mrs J Hood, R Kenney and M Shaw. The first meeting will take place on Monday 29th February at 3:30pm in Age Concern.

Puppet Festival

Mr Leech is currently seeking funding from the Arts Council to hold a Puppet Festival following last year's successful event. If the event takes place it will be on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd July. It is anticipated that the Festival Committee will seek support from Stone Town Council.

Lighting of the Beacon for the Queen's 90th Birthday

The Chain of Beacons will be lit on Thursday 21st April. It is not yet known what time this will take place. Mr Perton has agreed to prepare the burner and Rev I Cardinal has given permission for the lighting of the beacon to take place at St Michael's Church. Members noted that the event will require adequate publicity.

World War 1 Commemoration Event

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that she had been researching Stone's involvement in WW1 and had found some letters and papers of interest. Councillor P Leason reported through Councillor Hood in his absence, that the Stone Civic and Historical Society have a book and a concert group. Schools will be including the anniversary in the curriculum.

A trench can be dug on the amphitheatre.

Councillor J Davies stated that it would be worthwhile contacting MOD Stafford for a point of contact to ensure continuity and involvement.

RECOMMENDED: to formally contact MOD Stafford for involvement in the World War 1 Commemoration event.

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Update from Working Groups

Commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of WW1 in 2018

Covered above.

Working Group members are Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs K Green, Mrs J Hood, R Kenney and P Leason

Preparation of the Town Guide

Members agreed that a detailed street map should be included in the next edition. It was noted that it would be unlikely to publish a guide before summer, and suggested that to prevent the guide from being out of date it may be preferable to produce the guide early next year. A two to four-page supplement could be incorporated into the Stone & Eccleshall Gazette for this summer. It was also noted that it is important to get the guides on the canal for passing tourists to see what Stone has to offer.

The Clerk reported that the Town Council have been released from the Local Authority Publishing contract. The Clerk agreed to make contact with Burrows regarding a new contract.

Working Group members are Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs J Hood, R Kenney, P Leason, G Neagus and M Shaw

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 29th February, 2:30pm in Age Concern.

Council Website regarding Town Promotion

The website but not the content will be discussed on the Management Sub-Committee agendas.

Working Group members are Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs J Hood, R Kenney and P Leason.

Town Mayor