

# Stone Town Council – Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 19 April, 2016

- PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs J Hood in the Chair and  
Councillors Mrs C Collier, Mrs K Green, P Leason and M Shaw
- By Chairman's invitation: Councillors G Collier, J Davies, M Green and  
Mrs E Mowatt
- ABSENT:** Councillors Mrs M Goodall and M Williamson
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**TTP16/041**     **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs M Goodall and M Williamson

**TTP16/042**     **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation**

Councillor G Neagus declared an interest in Picnic in High Street, Minute  
Number TTP16/044.

**TTP16/043**     **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received

**TTP16/044**     **Town Events**

**Picnic in High Street (12<sup>th</sup> June)**

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that she had received an email from the  
Festival Committee asking the Town Council to support a Picnic on High Street  
on 12<sup>th</sup> June for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There is no expectation on the  
Council to arrange the event, but the Festival Committee have asked for  
financial support.

Councillor P Leason proposed that £500 be given to the Festival Committee,  
and that when the recommendations are taken to General Purposes on 17<sup>th</sup>  
May, a specific item for the money to be spent on will be decided. This was  
seconded by Councillor Mrs C Collier and agreed

**RECOMMENDED:** that £500 be given to the Festival Committee, and that when  
the recommendations are taken to General Purposes on 17<sup>th</sup> May, a specific  
item for the money to be spent on will be decided.

### **Music Event (16<sup>th</sup> July)**

The Clerk updated the Committee on the current position with the event. The event starts at 11am with the Young Musicians Collective and will finish at approximately 9pm. The event will be free of charge to the public. Shops and Craft Market stall holders will be asked if they want to stay open late.

It was suggested that the Town Council purchase bunting for the use at town events.

RECOMMENDED: to purchase bunting for Town events

### **Puppet Festival**

Councillor Mrs J Hood reported that Mr Leech has applied for funding for a Puppet Festival in the summer. Stone Town Council are asked to financially support the Puppet Festival.

It was noted that Mr Leech will need to apply for a grant.

### **Christmas event in Stone High Street**

Stone traders have decided to run a Christmas Market on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Stalls will be run by the traders. The Town Council has been asked to support the event.

RECOMMENDED: to send a grant application form to the organiser of the event.

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### **Update from Working Groups**

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

Councillor P Leason stated that a company has designed metal benches to commemorate the end of World War 1, and he suggested purchasing one to be situated near the War Memorial. It was suggested that the money to buy it comes from the Richard Vernon Trust fund.

Local children will be digging a trench on the amphitheatre.

There has been no response from MOD Stafford yet with regards to supporting Stone Town Council with the event.

It was suggested that a choir be at the wreath laying. Councillor J Davies will request this from his contact.

RECOMMENDED: the Council consider the provision of a bench, and the Richard Vernon Trust be approached for funding.

### **Preparation of the Town Guide**

It was decided that as there isn't time to get the guide published for this year, the Working Group have not met again.

Festivals and Organisations will be written to, to check details to put in the Guide.

It has been agreed that Burrows will produce the Guide with a pull-out map.

It was also agreed that every Councillor should see a draft version of the Town Guide prior to publication.

### **Council Website regarding Town Promotion**

Councillor Mrs J Hood stated that the pictures on the website do not have any people on them.

It was suggested that a competition takes place for the people of the Town to submit photographs to be included on the website.

It was noted that the canal side boxes are empty and should have Guides in them for boaters. Keys for the boxes should be available from Mr Artis.

**TTP16/046** **To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next item of business is discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate**

**TTP16/047** **Christmas Lights 2016-2018**

It was agreed to accept the proposed three year contract.

**Town Mayor**