

## **STONE TOWN COUNCIL**

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A meeting of the **TOURISM & TOWN PROMOTION SUB COMMITTEE** will be held in **St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018** at 7.05 pm or on the rising of the Planning Committee, if later.

I trust you will be able to attend.

Les Trigg  
Town Clerk

Councillors: Mrs J. Hood (Chair), I. Fordham (Vice Chair), P. Leason, J. Davies, Mrs J. Piggott, M. Williamson and Mrs C. Collier

### **AGENDA**

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations Received**
3. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation

4. **Stone Town Centre Development Strategy**

To receive a report from the Chairman of the Sub-Committee and working groups:

- Town Centre Appearance and Environment Working Group

- Town Centre Events and Attractions Working Group
- 'Town Centre Partnership'

5. **Friendship Agreement with Bagnacavallo, Italy**

To consider the letter dated 23 September 2018 from Friends of Bagnacavello.

A copy of the letter from Friends of Bagnacavello is attached.

6. **Update from Working Groups**

- Commemoration to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 in 2018

Please note that other working group reports are considered under item 4

Will any Councillors who wish to speak at this meeting, but are not members of the Sub-Committee, please inform the Chairman before the start of the meeting

Members of the public are welcomed to attend the Tourism & Town Promotion Sub-Committee Meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of this scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and are also available from the Town Council.



# FRIENDS OF BAGNACAVALLO

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23rd September 2018

Dear Mr.Trigg,

With reference to your letter dated the 10th September 2018, which mentions “concerns that this twinning instrument has become inactive “ , please find listed below our activities in chronological order which shows that we are far from inactive.

## **January**

We visit all primary schools in Stone ( with the exception of St.Michael’s as they consider Befana to be a witch and prefer us not to attend). Members of our group will first talk about Bagnacavallo and the Italian tradition of Befana. The story of Befana is then read to the children and all receive a gift left in their shoes ( as in the Italian tradition).

160 reception children receive a gift purchased by our group annually.

## **March**

We celebrate “ Festa della Donna” an Italian tradition ( This was introduced here in Stone before it became a celebration in the UK). We invite ladies to join us for a meal where gifts of Mimosa are exchanged. (The Mimosa gifts are provided by our group.)

## **June/July**

An annual Summer School is organised for the students of Bagnacavallo. They follow a comprehensive educational programme alongside cultural visits.

This year their visits included:

Wales,

Manchester,

Gladstone Pottery Museum,

Stone and Stafford

Alton Towers

Hanley ( Shopping trip)

Barn Dance which was an open event and advertised.

Students from Alleyne's High School have made a visit to Bagnacavallo and are invited to return annually. There has been no recent uptake by the school.

### **September**

We arrange a visit to Bagnacavallo for their Festival, as several councillors, who often join us, can testify. We participate in discussions, talks and readings.

### **December**

A wreath is sent annually to mark the "Giorno della Liberazione". It is presented by a member of our group or by a summer school student, should we be unable to attend.

We have also introduced an "English Section" in Bagnacavallo Library, works of non fiction, fiction, recipe books and children literature are sent at regular intervals.

The Chairman also runs a weekly Italian Class.

Visits to Bagnacavallo are also sometimes made at times other than the San Michele Festival in September.

We hope this update is of help to the Town Council and answers any questions they may have asked. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you need further information.

Yours faithfully



Chairman Friends of Bagnacavallo