

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Battle's Over Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the Battle's Over Committee held on Monday 23 April 2018 at 9.30am at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

Present: Cllrs G McCann, P Orme and L Woodhouse

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council, and two members of the public.

15 Apologies for absence

None.

16 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

17 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2018.

18 Public participation

Councillors **resolved** to close the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

The positioning of WW1 memorial benches in the township was raised and the importance of the communities of Preesall and Knott End both being included. Members of the public thought that it would not be appropriate to focus the benches in one part of the village. The possibility of having a noticeboard in lower Preesall was also raised.

At the end of the public session councillors **resolved** to reconvene the meeting.

19 Siting of memorial benches

Having heard representations during the public session, councillors agreed that there should be one bench in Preesall and one in Knott End. Given that the public have made representations for a notice board in lower Preesall (Fordstone Avenue) it was agreed that it would be beneficial to make a feature of the bench and possibly a noticeboard. It was **resolved** that the memorial bench in Knott End should be sited on the site of the old bench at the top of Hackensall Road opposite the Spar. It was further **resolved** that the clerk make enquiries regarding the possibility of siting a bench and a noticeboard on the grass verge at the north-west corner of Fordstone Avenue, at its junction with Sandy Lane. It was also **resolved** that the clerk should proceed with the purchase of the benches and to make enquiries regarding the noticeboard held in store at Wyre's depot.

20 Progress to date

Cllr McCann:

- a. Had approached the piper to see if he would be prepared to play Sleep in Peace at 6am on 11 November - *the piper is not available so it was suggested that either Cllr McCann or Cllr Orme would approach Jim to see if he would be available.*
- b. Had contacted Fleetwood's Charity School to see if the choir could be involved at the evening event – *the school has confirmed that the children will be available from 6pm until 7pm.*
- c. Would attend a meeting of the history group to let members know what is being proposed – *contact not yet made, clerk to email Cllr McCann with contact details of history group.*
- d. No response re possibility of borrowing the fire basket – **resolved** *for the clerk to buy a gas-fired basket* – see Cllr Orme (c) below.

Cllr Orme:

- a. Would approach the cornet player (Andy) as a fallback position should the piper be unavailable at 6am – *Andy is not available, however another member of the band might be available – see Cllr McCann (a) above.*
- b. Would speak with the ferry cafe to see if the owners would be interested in staying open to provide food and refreshments for the evening event – *in principle, yes, further details to be provided.*
- c. Would speak with Wyre Council re bolting the fire basket and pole to the slipway – see Cllr McCann (c) above.
- d. Would look into the feasibility of releasing doves – *doves roost when it goes dark, therefore they would not be suitable for the evening event. Possibility that they could be released at the cenotaph earlier in the day.*
- e. Would approach John Squires-Evans re playing the Last Post at 6.55pm – *initial contact made, OK in principle, will confirm for next meeting.*
- f. Would speak with SODs re poetry reading - *contact not yet made.*
- g. Would contact the priest at the Catholic church re involvement and bell ringing - *contact not yet made.*
- h. Would contact the golf club re bell ringing - *initial contact made, OK in principle, will get confirmation in writing.*
- i. To speak with Mark Butterworth regarding the possibility of having a float for the choirs to stand on and borrowing an amplifier for the event – *awaiting response from Mark.*
- j. To speak with Rev. Dawn and Bill Burn re the ringing of the bells and double events of church service and armistice service at 11.00am on the 11th – *bell ringing at church OK – final arrangements for day to be confirmed.*
- k. To speak with Bill Burn re the ‘tuneless’ choir - *contact not yet made.*
- l. To speak with Carter’s Charity school to see if their choir would like to be involved - *contact not yet made.*
- m. To speak with Emma Dawson (local singer) to see if she would like to be involved - *initial contact to be made to see if OK in principle, will confirm for next meeting.*
- n. Coastguard is willing to donate a flare.
- o. John Squires-Evans is working on a suite of relevant music.

Cllr Woodhouse:

- a. Would provide contact details for the community choir – *details provided. Also contacted Kevin on choir – confirmed that willing to take part.*
- b. Would check on availability of the cloggers – *possibility that they will attend depending on membership of group at the time.*
- c. Contact Angela Greenwood at the creative writing group to see if they would like to take part – *Angela interested, needs to be confirmed with group. They are planning a display at the library. Are they willing to do a reading or would they like to have their work read out by SODs?*

Clerk:

- a. had noted the requirement for a temporary events notice.
- b. confirmed that Stalmine Council would not be holding any events on the day.

21 Next steps

See progress to date for update from previous months.

Resolved:

Cllr McCann:

To complete actions (a) – (but see below) and (c).

Cllr Orme:

To complete his actions (a), (e), (f), (g) (i), (k) and (l).

Follow-up action required on (b), (d), (h), (j) and (m).

Cllr Woodhouse:

To complete (c).

Follow-up action required on (a), do we need in writing?

Clerk:

- a. to provide Cllr McCann with contact details for history society.
- b. to purchase a gas-fired fire basket for the event.
- c. to send Rev Dawn's email address to Cllr Orme.

22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 June at 9.30am.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 11.00am.