

# WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

A report of the Events Sub-Committee which was held in Pannett Art Gallery on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 4.00p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs N Wilson (Chairman), R Dalrymple, L Derrick, P Trumper, Mrs S Turner, Mrs L Wild and C Winspear.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs A Cowey - Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs H Berry PAG Curator, and Cllr J Nock

**ESC572/20 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for inability to attend.

**ESC573/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor P Trumper declared an interest in agenda item 8 – Report from Aspire 199.

**ESC574/20 MINUTES**

**MOVED** by Councillor C Winspear, seconded by Councillor L Derrick and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Events Sub-Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 having been circulated be taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**ESC575/20 POPPY WREATHS**

Although there are no rules regarding the removal of wreaths from memorials, the War Memorial Trust recommends that custodians of Memorials put a policy in place which details when the wreaths will be removed.

**MOVED** by Councillor C Winspear, Seconded by Councillor L Derrick and **RESOLVED** that a policy is written regarding the removal of the wreaths from the War Memorial - to include the resolution made at the meeting of the Armed Forces Events Working Party on 11.01.16 'The wreaths will be reduced to 5 and to maintain these in good order and condition they will be replaced when necessary by the remaining wreaths put into storage'. The crosses are taken out of the troughs before the end of June. The RBL and other interested parties to be consulted on this policy.

A) **VE/VJ DAY/ARMED FORCES DAY**

i **VE DAY 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020/VJ DAY 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

The Civic Society would like to be involved in any VE Day Celebrations and will be exhibiting their War Memorial Exhibition for this event. The following suggestions were put forward by members

- the distribution of 'Peace Roses' – contact Flowerpot
- the ringing of church bells – contact Rev. Gobbett
- Town Bugler and Piper to play last post etc

**MOVED** by Councillor P Trumper, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and **RESOLVED** that a working party is formed to organise an event for VE Day.

It was agreed that a low key service such as a candle lit vigil and readings is organised at the War Memorial to commemorate VJ Day.

ii **ARMED FORCES DAY 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**MOVED** by Councillor Mrs L Wild, seconded by Councillor C Winspear and **RESOLVED** unanimously that

- i) in principle Whitby's Armed Forces Day goes ahead
- ii) SBC as hosts of the National event are contacted regarding what events are to take place in Scarborough and across the Borough on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020
- iii) The various associations are contacted to enquire whether or not they will be available to attend Whitby's Armed Forces Day with the national event taking place in Scarborough.

- B) REMEMBRANCE/ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
It was agreed that the format will be the same as previous years. REME are to be contacted to enquire whether or not they will be attending Whitby's Service of Remembrance or Armistice Day Service.

ESC576/20

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 13/14/15 NOVEMBER 2020**

Members discussed the Christmas Festival highlighting concerns regarding the full costs including staff time involved in holding this event as well as the electricity costs and mixed reviews about fireworks. The Deputy Clerk will contact Phoenix to enquire whether or not they have 'quiet fireworks' and the cost. Whether an electrical source could be installed in Front Marina Car Park for the Christmas Festivals use when the electric charging points are installed.

**MOVED** by Councillor R Dalrymple, seconded by Councillor L Derrick and **RECOMMEND** to Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee that the 2020 Whitby Christmas Festival to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020 takes place, and, a breakdown of the actual cost of putting on this event is produced including full costs.

ESC577/20

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**MOVED** by Councillor C Winspear, Seconded by Councillor L Derrick and **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

ESC578/20

**REPORT FROM ASPIRE 199**

An evaluation report about the 2019 Christmas Festival previously circulated to members by Aspire 199 was discussed. Councillor's stated that they were happy with the commitment of the Town Council's staff.

**MOVED** by Councillor L Derrick, seconded by Councillor R Dalrymple and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Chairman will write to Aspire 199 with the sub-committees comments.

  
25.2.2020