

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EVENTS & SERVICES COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting
Held on 11th February 2021 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors N. Knowles (Chairman), R. Bishop, H. Dyke, N. Gale, F. Oborski MBE, M. Rayner, S. Rook, M. Stooke and P. Young

ES.42 **Apology**
Councillor D. Ross

ES.43 **Minutes of the meeting held on 5th Novemeber 2020**
RESOLVED: - that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2020 be agreed as a correct record.

ES.44 **Declarations of Interests by Members**
None.

ES.45 **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group Update**
The action list from the first working group meeting was circulated. After discussion it was
RESOLVED: - that the Town Clerk

- i. Circulate the membership of the group to all Councillors
- ii. Set up a schedule of meetings
- iii. Refine and cost up action plan
- iv. Update the Events & Services Committee

ES.46 **Grit Bin off Wolverhampton Road**
The Town Clerk said it would be appropriate to liaise with the local ward members to identify the exact site the residents would like the bin and then to consult WCC
RESOLVED: - that the Committee agree to the installation of the grit bin subject to consultation with WCC; the costs to be met from current budgets

ES.47 **Kidderminster War Memorials**
The Town Clerk reported that the original agreement with the Trust when the Town Council took on the responsibility for the memorials was that Trust winding up and passing on any funds to the Town Council. However, with changes in Trust membership this had not happened. The Town Clerk was seeking permission to seek legal advice to pursue this transfer.
RESOLVED: - that the Committee agree to getting a legal opinion on how the Town Council can formally take over the work of the War Memorial Conservation Trust, the costs to be met within the current legal SLA

ES.48 **Civic Programme**
The Town Clerk informed the Committee that an outline civic programme had been agreed and would be delivered subject to Covid developments
RESOLVED: - that the outline civic programme be agreed

ES.49 **Water Feature Great Wall**
The Committee sought reassurances on the potential cost of the water supply to be used and that the appropriate permissions were in place from WCC.
It was also stated that this needed to be agreed as a Town council project and not a political group project. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: - that subject to those reassurances the Committee gives its support to the project

ES.50

Horsefair Clock

The Town Clerk reported that he had consulted Horsefair and Proud. The current plan is to replace the additional plaque with a new plaque to note all those who had contributed to the installation of the clock. The costs would be met by Horsefair and Proud

RESOLVED: - that update from the town Clerk be noted.

ES.51

Budget

The Town Clerk reported that service expenditure was being monitored closely to try and ensure a focus on critical spend and budgets could be managed and delivered over the next year too.

RESOLVED: - that the current budget position be noted

ES.52

Events & Services Update

The Town Clerk reported that the imposition of the new lockdown had meant a retrenchment on events, but services continued to be delivered

RESOLVED: - that the current position on events and service delivery be noted

ES.53

Artefacts New Meeting house, Church Street

Councillor Stooke reported the potential loss of local artefacts from the New Meeting house.

It was agreed the town Clerk would liaise with Councillor Stooke to get more details and update the Committee

ES.54

Budget Estimates 2021/22

RESOLVED: - that the budget estimates for 2021/22 be agreed.

The meeting ended at 6.57pm

Chairman

Date