



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

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11 July 2017

You are invited to a meeting of the **DORCHESTER HERITAGE JOINT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, NORTH SQUARE, DORCHESTER** on **MONDAY 17 JULY 2017** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Town Clerk and Secretary to the Committee

Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct requires Members to declare any interest which they have in any matter under discussion. If the interest is regarded as a Personal Interest the Member may remain and take part in the consideration of the item but if the interest is a Prejudicial Interest the Member must withdraw from the Chamber during the consideration of it.

Membership

West Dorset District Council: A. Canning, J. Dunseith, S. Jones

Dorchester Town Council: C. Biggs, G. Jones, T. Loakes

The following Members may attend and speak but not vote:

Mr S Conibear (Duchy of Cornwall), Mr P Mann (Dorchester Civic Society), Mr A Chisholm (Dorchester Chamber for Business), Mr C Copson (The Keep Military Museum), Ms C M Hebditch (Dorchester Local Nature Reserve), Dr J Murden (Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society), Mr T Loasby (Blue Badge Tourist Guides) Mr J Smith (Dorchester Association), A Bright (Shire Hall), Mr R M Biggs (Dorset County Council)

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman for the remainder of the 2017-18 Council year.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Vice Chairman for the remainder of the 2017-18 Council year.

4. **MINUTES**

To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10 April 2017 (copy enclosed).

5. **DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION**

Members to declare if they consider that they have predetermined or may predetermine in the relation to the following items and to indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of individual Members to decide whether they have predetermined in relation to an item. Members who make a declaration should leave the room during the discussion and voting.

Members who may wish to take part in the decision making process as a member of another committee, at which the item is to be considered, should decide whether they wish to participate at this stage.

6. **THOMAS HARDY TRAIL**

At the last meeting of the Committee it was resolved:-

“That enquiries be made as to which organisation was responsible for the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the Hardy trail.”

West Dorset District Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the trail – if Members know of any information boards that are missing or need updating please report them to the meeting and the information will be passed to the District Council

7. **PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING SIGNS**

The Committee will be informed that the full application to the South Dorset Local Action Group Leader Rural Development Programme for a grant towards a new pedestrian wayfinding scheme for Dorchester has been approved.

An outline design and scheme will be worked up over the summer and it is hoped that the draft scheme should be available for Members consideration at its next meeting.

The Committee has previously identified a Group to work on the wayfinding scheme and it would be helpful if the Committee could agree to that Group continuing so as to enable progress of the scheme between formal meetings of the Committee should the need arise.

The Group includes the Chairman of the Committee and the following Members:- Councillors S. Jones, A. Chisholm, J. Dunseath, F. Kent-Ledger and Kate Hebditch.

Officers from Dorset County Council will be invited to attend a meeting to see if it is possible to take advantage of this opportunity to do something about the proliferation of ‘A’ boards in the town.

8. **THE REAL TOWN TOURS – DORCHESTER - APP**

Dorchester BID has developed a town trails 'app'. The app is being trialled at the moment and information on the app and a link to download it can be found at:-

<http://www.realtowns.co.uk/real-town-tours/>

Members are invited to download the app and provide feedback.

9. **2016-17 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

To receive the Committee's 2016-17 statement of accounts (copy enclosed).

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

To consider correspondence from a local resident regarding the location of statues in the town (enclosed).

11. **ST OSMUND'S MIDDLE SCHOOL – WW1 EVENT**

St Osmund's Middle School are researching Dorchester and The Great War. The school pupils are working with local historians and musicians to present their findings in the form of a play, open to all, which will include music and singing. The play will be performed at Thomas Hardy School in March 2018. The research and play is very much a community project and is very Dorchester based – it is bringing history and heritage of the town to life for the young people working on the project. The pupils are looking for financial support to help with the cost of sound, lighting, scenery etc.

The Committee will be asked to give consideration to whether it might like to support this project.

12. **BOUNDARY STONE**

At the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that investigations be made into whether it would be possible to engrave the boundary stone which had recently lost its cast iron plaque. Following discussion with a local stonemason it would seem that this is not going to be possible due to the quality of the stone. The stonemason has suggested that it would be possible to engrave a stone plaque which could then be attached to the stone.

13. **INFORMATION SIGNS - UPDATE**

Maumbury Rings – The new 'Welcome to Maumbury Rings' signs and 'Looking After Maumbury Rings' signs have now been installed (see attached).

Frink Sculpture – The draft new information board is attached for Members approval. The Committee's comments are invited with regard to positioning etc.

14. **QUESTIONS**

To receive questions submitted by Members in writing to the Dorchester Town Clerk and in respect of which the appropriate notice has been given.

15. **URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To consider a date for the next meeting of the Committee.

DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

DORCHESTER JOINT HERITAGE COMMITTEE

10 APRIL 2017

At the Meeting of the Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee held on 10 April 2017:

PRESENT:

Dorchester Town Council	Councillors: C. Biggs T. Loakes
	Officers: S. Newman
West Dorset District Council	Councillors: A. Canning (Chairman) S. Jones
Dorset County Council	Councillor: T. Jones
Blue Badge Tourist Guides	T. Loasby
Dorchester Association	J. Smith
Dorchester Civic Society	P. Mann
Dorchester Chamber for Business	A. Chisholm

40. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Biggs (Dorset County Council), Councillor J. Dunseith (West Dorset District Council), G. Jones (Dorchester Town Council), C. Hebditch (Dorchester Local Nature Reserve) and C. Copson (The Keep Military Museum).

41. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2017, a copy of which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

42. **DECLARATIONS OF PRE-DETERMINATION**

There were no declarations of pre-determination.

43. **NEW TOWN MAP**

The Committee welcomed Mr L. Ball from Cityscape Maps who explained to Members the benefits of having a quality town map. Mr Ball had undertaken a brief survey of the town and identified that signage was patchy and that the proposed town map and map boards would

benefit the town greatly. It was noted that maps were provided by dispensing machines which would be kept stocked and cash emptied by a local agent. The map would be hand drawn and would show every building with an easy to follow aerial perspective. Mr Ball circulated copied of maps that had been produced for other towns in the UK and abroad. Members felt that the maps and map boards were excellent and felt that there was a place for them in the town. In respect of costs Mr Ball suggested that a scheme could be implemented for around £15 - £20,000. It was noted that the map boards and maps could utilise QR tags and link with mobile phone technology.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Committee had previously supported a new pedestrian wayfinding scheme for the town and that funding was being sought for that scheme. Any town map scheme would need to compliment the pedestrian wayfinding scheme.

The Committee agreed that the principle for a new town map but that consideration would need to be given to the planned pedestrian wayfinding scheme, obtaining funding from partners etc. The Committee did not wish to commit itself to an additional scheme until those issues were addressed.

RESOLVED

That the principle for a new town map was agreed but that consideration be given to complimenting the planned pedestrian wayfinding scheme, obtaining funding from partners etc, prior to any further action be taken.

44. **PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING SIGNS**

The Committee was informed that, following approval of the first stage submission, the full grant application to the South Dorset Local Action Group Leader Rural Development Programme for a grant towards a new pedestrian wayfinding scheme for Dorchester, had now been submitted. The result of the application would be known in early June 2017.

45. **FRINK SCULPTURE – SOUTH WALKS**

Members noted that in August 2016 an application had been made to Historic England for the Frink sculpture to be Listed. Notification had now been received from Historic England that the sculpture installed at the old gallows in 1986 was a powerful expressive work by one of the most significant sculptors of the C20 and that given its quality and strong artistic interest, it merited Listing at Grade II.

It was reported that the new information board was complete subject to confirmation from the Frink Estate that it was agreeable to using an image of Elizabeth Frink.

RESOLVED

That the Historic England Grade II Listing of the Frink Sculpture be welcomed.

46. **THOMAS HARDY TRAIL**

The representative from the Dorchester Chamber of Business informed the Committee that

the Hardy Trail which included information boards around the town had been produced some years ago but that it had now fallen into disrepair with some of the boards missing or broken. Members felt that the trail should be brought back into good order and that enquiries should be made as to what organisation was responsible for the maintenance of the trail. It was suggested that a joint approach to include interested Hardy partners could be a way forward should no organisation be identified as having responsibility.

RESOLVED

That enquiries be made as to which organisation was responsible for the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the Hardy trail.

47. **DORSET ARCHITECTURAL WEEK**

The Committee considered whether it wished to contribute towards Dorset Architectural Week, for example by contributing towards funding for some guided tours in the town. It was noted that a requirement for the event was that it must be something that a visitor could not access or experience during the rest of the year.

Members felt that opening up the cellars that had been identified in various parts of the town to the public might be a good event for future Architectural Weeks but that it was too late to arrange an event such as this for 2017.

48. **'A'BOARDS**

The Chairman of the Committee reported that he had received a response from Dorset County Council confirming that businesses had yet to be contacted with regard to 'A' Boards being placed on the highway. Discussions had been ongoing with the County Council's Solicitor regarding the wording that should be used particularly in respect of reminding businesses of their responsibility to insure the boards whilst at the same time not implying that they had permission to have the boards in the first place.

Members felt that this situation did not reflect well on the County Council and asked that the Council continue to be pressed to take some action.

It was reported that Lyme Regis Town Council approved advertising boards for shops located on railings and questioned whether a scheme such as this might be worth considering for Dorchester. Members felt that this would not be a way forward at the present time.

RESOLVED

That Dorset County Council continue to be pressed to take the action it had agreed to take.

49. **DORCHESTER BOUNDARY STONE**

Members were informed that there was an original Dorchester Boundary Stone located in the area of the end of Came View Road which appeared to have been vandalised – the cast iron plate had been broken and removed. It was understood that the stone was one of the 1835 boundary stones (actually installed in 1857). The Committee was asked if it wished to fund a new plate to be placed on the stone.

The Committee felt that it was likely that a replacement iron plate would suffer the same fate as the original and requested that a quotation be sought to have the wording engraved on the remaining stone instead.

Members also requested that some research be undertaken to endeavour to ascertain whether there were any further remaining boundary stones and if there were where they were located.

RESOLVED

(1) That a quotation be sought to have the original wording engraved on the boundary stone rather than replacing the iron plate.

(2) That some research be undertaken to endeavour to ascertain whether there were any further remaining boundary stones and if there were where they are located.

50. **INFORMATION SIGNS - UPDATE**

Maumbury Rings

The Deputy Town Clerk informed the Committee that the three new information boards had now been installed and that the steps to the top of the Rings had been improved. Members had also been circulated with draft 'Welcome to Maumbury Rings' and 'Looking After Maumbury Rings' signs for approval.

RESOLVED

That the draft 'Welcome to Maumbury Rings' and 'Looking After Maumbury Rings' signs be approved.

Dorchester South and West Railway Stations

Members were informed that the 'you are here' boards had been updated by West Dorset District Council to include such key areas as Brewery Square. Unfortunately the new boards showed the incorrect location of Brewery Square and still had the original location of the TIC as well as the new location. The Committee felt that West Dorset District Council should be asked to re-produce the signs.

51. **QUESTIONS**

No formal questions had been submitted.

52. **URGENT ITEMS**

The Committee noted correspondence from Councillor G. Jones asking Members to give some consideration to the idea of collectively using a system of locating, identifying and interpretation of the town's heritage electronically by use of mobile devices. It was noted that Dorchester BID was also considering the idea of a town App for mobile devices. Members felt that the idea was worth considering in further detail and requested that a presentation be

made to the Committee by the research team that had been developing such an idea.

It was reported that the TIC, now located within the Library, appeared to be very quiet, not helped by the lack of signage to the new location or any sign on the Library itself saying that the TIC was located there. Concern was also expressed about the Library and therefore the TIC being closed on a Wednesday afternoon, bank holidays etc.

53. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 17 July 2017 commencing at 7.00pm.

Chairman:

Dated:

Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee			
Year ended 31st March 2017			
Statement of Accounts			
		£	£
<u>Income and Expenditure</u>			
Contributions in year			
19-05-16	Lets Explore Dorchester	2.50	
18-11-16	Dorchester Explorer	2.50	
18-01-17	Dorchester Explorer	2.50	
22-02-17	Dorchester Explorer	2.50	
			10.00
Expenditure in year			
31-01-17	Interpretation Panel for Elizabeth Frink Statues	-600.00	
			-
			600.00
Deficit in year			- 590.00
<u>Balance Sheet</u>			
Balance brought forward as at 1st April 2016			13,976.87
Add: Deficit in year			-
			590.00
Balance carried forward as at 31st March 2017			13,386.87
<u>Outstanding Commitments</u>			
	Dorchester boundary Stone Repair	500.00	-
	WW1 Trail	2,500.00	
	New Town Map	?	
	Blue Plaque / Pub Scheme	5,000.00	
	Balance of Frink Statue Costs	400.00	
	Dorchester Railway Stations Signage	500.00	8,900.00
			4,486.87
	Available balance		

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23 MAY 2017

22 May 17

Dear Councillors

With the introduction of a New Pedestrianization of the Lower High/South Street may help in a Small Revitalization of the Town. But I feel it's going to be very small amount. Just Look at the ⁱⁿ Faces of local people and look at the faces a few weeks/Months after the Completion: and You will find no Difference.

I would like to present a few Ideas, one is quite big but A few others you may consider.

I feel the ^{Re}porting of Elizabeth Franks the Dorset Master would give a degree of Debate and Interpretation which is lacking in Dorchester. I feel the top of South St,

In the Parish Church is here with the top
of South Street.

And also the "Statue of Thomas Hardy
to be repositioned in the Church together
with Barnes as Hardy was a Soldier
of Barnes.

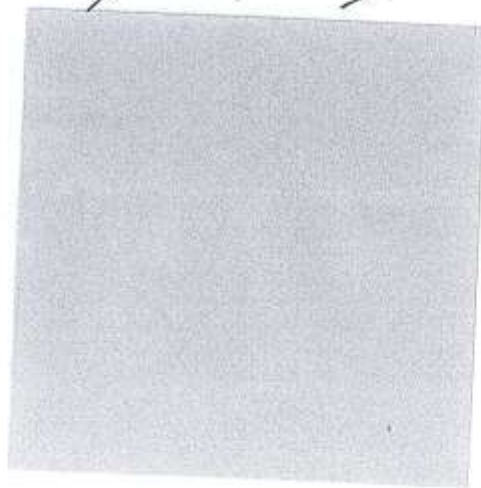
I would like to propose three or ^{or} four "Trees
of an Upright Hobit which will introduce
a Natural Element to the Centre and would
have next to No Maintenance / or look at fountains
such as the "Live Trees in Metal Features at
Poundbury.

Also a substantial increase in the Number
of Nice Benches (not metal which retain moisture)

People in Traffic do not have the time
to appreciate a Work of Art / Statue. They
are in the Wrong Place. People in the
Centre / South St when strolling or sitting / Resting
from Shopping may find a Moment to Contemplate
a idea which a work of Art can provide.

There is very little inspiration in
Dorchester because there is wrong
thinking / or none.

Yours Sincerely





Dorset Martyrs

For conscience sake

St. Alexander Briant S.J. Bl. William Pike Bl. William Pattenson
 Blessed John Slade Bl. Thomas Hemerford Bl. Hugh Green
 Bl. John Adams Bl. Thomas Pilcher William Warmington
 Bl. John Munden St. Eustace White John Jessop Helen Tremain

In memory of all Catholics in Dorset who suffered and died for their faith, those who were banished or died in prison and the unknown others who died on this hill for conscience sake.

This is Gallows Hill, Dorchester's execution site in the 16th and 17th centuries, until it was moved to Maumbury Rings around 1703. Condemned people were brought here from the prison below Iken Way (then known as Gaol Lane).



Illustration of a typical public hanging in the 16th and 17th centuries

Hundreds of people died here, among them the Chideock Martyrs, who died defending their Catholic faith. During the reign of the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I (1558-1603) Catholics were forced to worship in secret for fear of prosecution. The stronghold of Catholicism in Dorset was at Chideock, in the castle belonging to the Arundell family.

In 1591 the family's chaplain was John Cornelius. Born in Bodmin, he was taken into the Arundell household and educated by the family, becoming a priest. In 1594 he was arrested, along with his servants Patrick Salmon and John Carey. When Thomas Bosgrave, a relation of the Arundells, offered the bare-headed Cornelius his own hat, he too was arrested.

Cornelius was taken to London. Under torture, he refused to name any of his converts. He was returned to Dorchester where all four men were tried, found guilty and condemned to be hanged, drawn and quartered.

On 4 July 1594 they were executed in this place. All four men made declarations of faith before their deaths.

Despite such martyrdoms, worship continued in Chideock. After the castle was destroyed in 1645 during the Civil War, Catholics met in a nearby barn, later converted into a chapel which is now the church of Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs and St Ignatius. All that now remains of the castle is a moated mound on a hill outside the village, crowned by a Cross.

THE MOUNT EAST VIEW OF BOWNE'S CASTLE, IN THE VICINITY OF BOWNE.



The sculptures were erected in 1986. Two of the three bronze figures – unidentified prisoners – resolutely confront the third, who, cowed and gowned, seems to represent the Hangman or Death.



Dame Elisabeth Frink

The sculptor was Dame Elisabeth Frink. Born in Suffolk in 1930, she had a Catholic upbringing and was educated at a convent in Exmouth, Devon. Her background gave her an understanding of the power of faith, as did her involvement with the work of Amnesty International in support of prisoners of conscience.

Her early work, in the aftermath of the Second World War, often showed men and beasts as aggressive and violent creatures. Later (as here) her attention shifted from the oppressor to the oppressed. They are treated with great sympathy.

In 1976 Elisabeth Frink had moved to her final studio at Woolland in North Dorset where she continued to work until her death in 1993.

