

## **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

### **DORCHESTER JOINT HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**23 JULY 2018**

At a Meeting of the Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee held on 23 July 2018:

#### **PRESENT:**

Dorchester Town Council	Officer:	S. Newman
West Dorset District Council	Councillors:	A. Canning (Chairman)
		J. Dunseith
		S. Jones
Blue Badge Tourist Guides		T. Loasby
Dorchester Association		M. Rice
Dorchester Chamber for Business		A. Chisholm
Dorchester Civic Society		P. Mann
Dorset County Council		R. Biggs

#### 1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Biggs (Dorchester Town Council), C. Hebditch (Dorchester LNR), J. Murden (Dorset Natural history and Archaeological Society), A. Bright (Shire Hall) and C. Copson (The Keep Military Museum).

#### 2. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

#### **RESOLVED**

That Councillor A. Canning be elected Chairman for the remainder of the 2018-19 Council Year.

#### 3. **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed, seconded and

## **RESOLVED**

That Councillor S. Jones be elected Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2018-19 Council Year.

### **4. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2018, a copy of which had been circulated, were confirmed and signed.

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF PRE-DETERMINATION**

There were no declarations of pre-determination.

### **6. NEW MEMBER**

The Committee welcomed Michael Rice to the meeting who was representing the Dorchester Association following John Smith retiring from the Committee.

### **7. PEDESTRIAN WAYFINDING SIGNAGE**

The Deputy Town Clerk updated the Committee on the consultation event which had been held recently in respect of the new pedestrian wayfinding scheme for the town. The event had gone well with a number of interested organisations attending. The draft scheme was now being amended to reflect the comments received at that event.

### **8. DORSET ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WEEK – DORCHESTER EVENT – SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018**

The representative from the Dorchester Chamber for Business reported on progress with arrangements for the event being arranged for High West and East Streets on 16 September 2018 as a part of Dorset Architectural Heritage week. The event had been registered and the necessary road closures had been applied for, a signage scheme had been approved by the County Council and a number of local businesses had volunteered to be a part of the event and Blue Badge Guides had also agreed to help.

It was hoped that the event would become a regular one and be built upon year on year. It was reported that the process of applying for road closures was time consuming and that the signage was quite expensive but it could be used again in future years. It would also take a number of volunteers to look after the closures throughout the day. A risk assessment and safety plan had been drawn up for the event.

Members were pleased to note that the owners of the King's Arms had agreed to provide some materials to display regarding the forthcoming refurbishment of the property.

## **RESOLVED**

That the arrangements made to date be noted.

9. **2017-18 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Members considered the Committee's Statement of Accounts for 2017-18 which had been circulated with the agenda.

With regard to Nappers Mite clock the Deputy Town Clerk updated Members on the requirements for the scaffold that needed to be in place to complete the refurbishment, the cost of which was estimated at £2,000. No funding had been allocated for this unexpected additional cost at the commencement of the project. The Committee agreed to underwrite this cost should alternative funding not be found.

It was noted that no funding had been allocated to the mosaic project as the Committee had previously only agreed to support the local resident who had proposed the project should they wish to proceed with the idea further.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the 2017-18 Statement of Accounts be received.
- (2) That a further sum of £2,000 be allocated to underwrite the cost of the Nappers Mite clock refurbishment project.

10. **HIGH EAST STREET (NEAR MAJESTIC WINE) PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Further to Minute No. 45/2018 the Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Town Council's Planning and Environment Committee considered the Heritage Committee's proposal to move the pedestrian crossing in High East near to Majestic Wine closer to the Mill Stream crossing point. The Committee had resolved the following:-

*'That the Dorchester Joint Heritage Committee be advised that the Planning and Environment Committee did not support the move of the pedestrian crossing at the lower end of High West Street closer to the Mill Stream crossing point.'*

The Committee expressed disappointment in the outcome and felt that as the crossing could not be moved that a 'caution pedestrians crossing' sign might be installed instead.

11. **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT IN RESPECT OF A HERITAGE TOURISM STRATEGY**

Members considered a report by the Town Clerk which enclosed a brief for a potential contractor to develop a Heritage Tourism Strategy for the town. The Town Council had requested that reference be made to the need to identify how a programme of improvements to the privately owned built environment might be introduced and requested that the opportunity to bid to fulfil the brief be widely advertised. A final brief would be presented to the September Policy Committee with a proposal to allocate resource to commission the work.

The Committee welcomed the initiative and suggested that the scope of the brief be wider than the town boundary to include the AONB and Jurassic Gateway as well as a social media strategy. It would be helpful if a time line for implementation could also be included.

12. **DORCHESTER POPPY TRAIL**

Members were updated with regard to progress on the Dorchester Poppy Trail project. It was noted that the information boards, poppy trail stickers, leaflet and resource pack had now been largely completed and would start to be installed over the next few weeks. It was hoped that there would be an official launch of the project later in the year.

13. **SIGN - CORNER OF NORTH WALK / COLLITON WALK**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the sign which had been placed into the Scheduled Monument on the corner of North Walk and Colliton Walk was due to be removed in the near future.

It was requested that the aluminium benches on that part of The Walks were also out of character and suggested that they be replaced with the more traditional benches as used in other parts of The Walks.

14. **QUESTIONS**

No formal questions had been submitted.

15. **URGENT ITEMS**

It was requested that consideration, at the next meeting, be given to the possibility of a 'Jo Draper' bench outside of the Dorset County Museum

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 15 October 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

Chairman:

Dated: 15 October 2018