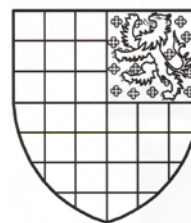


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**LEWES
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COUNCIL**

MINUTES

of the meeting of the **Working Party** formed to consider commemoration of significant events, held on **Wednesday 29th May 2013**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall**, Lewes at **2:30pm**.

PRESENT Cllrs S Catlin (Wischhusen); M Chartier (*Chairman*); R Murray; R O'Keeffe;

In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*); Mrs F Garth (*Civic Officer/ Asst TC*).

CmemsWP2013/01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr Chartier was elected Chairman of the Working-party for the 2013/14 year.

CmemsWP2013/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Dr M Turner, who was unwell.

CmemsWP2013/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr O'Keeffe declared an interest in the matter of the Mumford & Sons event, in that she has property interests in Mountfield Road.

CmemsWP2013/04 QUESTIONS: There were none. (No members of the public present.)

CmemsWP2013/05 MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2013 were received and signed as an accurate record.

CmemsWP2013/06 REMIT of the WORKING PARTY:

Members noted the remit of the Working party, as originally set by Council and subsequently extended.

CmemsWP2013/07 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

1 *Battle of Lewes 750th anniversary:* Cllr Chartier reminded colleagues of his role with the town's Battle of Lewes Action Group (BLAG) and the work of the group in preparing for the celebrations. Work was progressing well on ancillary projects, such as a commemorative tapestry, and Harveys would be brewing a commemorative ale. Council had agreed the earlier suggestion for the commissioning of a piece of orchestral music, as a lasting legacy for the town, and Members discussed the costs submitted by the composer, Helen Glavin. There was some confusion as to the presentation of cost estimates and it appeared that there may be insufficient funds in the agreed budget to both commission the work and produce a concert. TC undertook to speak again with Ms Glavin on this point, and meanwhile Members agreed to ask Council to provisionally support up to an additional £2,440, which should be offset by income. *** post-meeting note:** *subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that the cost for the commission was £2,750, and the agreed budget was therefore adequate.* It had been suggested that the concert should be recorded and a CD or DVD made available for sale. This would be investigated.

Members also agreed to ask Council for funding for the costs of a play being written by Dr Turner for open-air performance at three sites in the town (Gun Garden; Pedestrian precinct, and Priory were likely venues). The costs of this would be costumes; props (being made by students at Sussex Downs College), and logistics – totalling an estimated maximum of £1,500.

It was anticipated that further ideas may be presented in due course.

2 *100yrs since commencement of 1st World War:* It was recognized that any major

commemorative efforts might be best applied to celebrate the end of WW1, rather than the start, but equally the centenary of the outbreak should not go unremarked. Ideas put forward included a collaboration with others, such as Lewes Operatic society, who were understood to be planning a relevant performance, or Sussex Archaeological Society. An idea that was generally welcomed was for a collaborative poetry festival, featuring WW1 poets.

3 *Celebration of town Twinning anniversary:* The proposed anniversary celebrations in Blois in May to commemorate the 50th and 40th years of tripartite twinning between Lewes; Blois and Waldshut-Tiengen (W-T) would be between Friday 21st and Sunday 23rd June 2013, and a schedule of events had been prepared by the Blois administration. A Council party of Members and staff would travel in a minibus driven by TC, leaving Lewes on 20th June and returning on Sunday 23rd. The Mayor and her Consort would travel independently by rail. Regrettably, the "Ouse Valley Three" – the local young musicians who were to have joined the Twinning Association party - had unavoidable university commitments. LGB Brass, the Town band, were also unable to travel that weekend.

4 *Mumford & Sons concert weekend:* District Council officers had begun preparations for a programme of events within the town to complement the concert activities taking place at the Convent Field, and ancillary projects such as the printing of a town guide leaflet specific to the weekend. Members considered these items, and agreed to support the following events, initially to a maximum (aggregate) value of £2,000:

“Lewes Home Grown” at Southover Grange Gardens

“Lewes Home Grown” in the High Street

A “busking stage” in the pedestrian precinct

A young musicians’ concert in Harveys Brewery yard

A tea-dance event

3 *“W-T Pur Lewes”:* The producer was finishing his modified version of the film, adjusted for language and context, and was looking forward to presenting it in Lewes, probably in October. He was then to extend the principle to Blois.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

Council is to be asked to supplement the budget already agreed for celebration of the Battle of Lewes in 2014, to support the production of a play as described at 1 above, and to consider the recording/publication in some form of the inaugural concert of the commissioned music.

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There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed, and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting closed at 3:40pm

Signed.....

Date