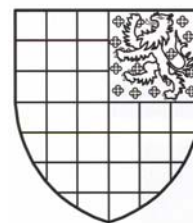


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**LEWES
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MINUTES

of the meeting of the **Working Party** formed to consider commemoration of significant events, held on **Monday 30th July 2012**, in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall**, Lewes at **11:00am**.

PRESENT Cllrs Catlin (Wischhusen); Chartier (*Chairman*); R Murray; O’Keeffe; Turner
In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*); Mrs F Garth (*Civic Officer/ Asst TC*).

CmemsWP2012/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: There were none.

CmemsWP2012/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

CmemsWP2012/11 QUESTIONS: There were none. (No members of the public present.)

CmemsWP2012/12 MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2012 were received and signed as an accurate record.

CmemsWP2012/13 REMIT of the WORKING PARTY:

Members noted the remit of the Working party, as set by Council:

(Council resolution Minute FC/2011/94.5 of 15th December 2011 refers) A Commemorations Working Party be set up to look, in the first instance, at ways of celebrating significant events in 2012, with the possibility of continuing the remit through 2013 and 2014; to be reviewed annually.

EXTENSION TO REMIT by Council resolution at its meeting on 29th March 2012 (*minute reference pending*): “That the W/pty be authorized to proceed with the implementation of projects to commemorate the QE2 jubilee and Olympic torch relay, developing those projects that it considers appropriate from the list noted at Council minute FC2011/117, to a maximum aggregate cost of £5,000; to be funded from the existing finance reserve earmarked for Commemorations (shown in the accounts as R7).

CmemsWP2012/14 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

It was considered that all projects related to the Queen’s Jubilee weekend and the Olympic Torch Relay had gone extremely well. Thanks were recorded to Mrs Garth, who had personally visited businesses with frontage on the High Street and Western Road, along the route of the Olympic Torch Relay and persuaded over 60 to accept bunting and flags with which to decorate their premises, for the jubilee weekend and the day of the relay. Further; she had personally delivered the items to the businesses and organized the very popular “best-dressed business” competition which had been judged by the Mayor, the Chairman of Lewes District Council, and Norman Baker MP.

A book of photographs, with one from each of the 60 years of the Queen’s reign, was being developed by Cllr O’Keeffe for publication around the end of the year. She noted nothing to report since the last update on progress.

Cllr Chartier reminded colleagues of his earlier suggestion for the commissioning of a piece of music to celebrate the Battle of Lewes in 2014, as a focal-point and as a lasting legacy for the town. Discussion ensued as to possible involvement by various local musical organizations, and it was suggested that a 20minute piece might be suitable, for performance at the Town Hall and other locations during the celebrations. Initial discussions with a notable local composer had suggested a

budget of £5,000 would be appropriate, and it was agreed that Council should be asked to sanction this. It was also noted that a play; “Witnesses to the Battle” would be available for performance across the town and could be staged for modest cost (largely representing costume-hire). It was anticipated that other organizations in town would begin to refine plans for their own involvement shortly, and there would be opportunities for partnership.

Lewes Twinning Association was to confirm details of the proposed anniversary celebrations in Blois on 18th and 19th May 2013. This would commemorate the 40th year of twinning between Lewes and Waldshut-Tiengen (W-T) and 50th year between Lewes and Blois, whilst Blois and W-T celebrated 50 years of their cultural link. In 2003, the 30th/40th anniversary event had seen a large party of Lewes Town Councillors and staff attend for the ceremonial re-signing of pledges, travelling to Blois in a minibus driven by TC, and two private cars. It was suggested that something similar should be arranged for 2013. The tripartite Twinning Association summit meeting in Blois on 27th October would discuss arrangements, and TC had been asked to attend along with officers from W-T.

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL:

Members agreed that Council should be asked to mandate the Working Party to continue its work in respect of 2013 and 2014, as planning for many events by third-parties was already underway. Council should be asked to sanction an initial budget of £5,000 for commissioning and overseeing by the Working Party, of a suitable piece of music to mark the 2014 Battle of Lewes commemorations. Further; to agree a date of 23rd May 2013 for the next Mayormaking ceremony (this was agreed by the present Deputy Mayor), in order to integrate with the 40th/50th anniversary celebrations of town twinning being held in Blois, and to agree the principle of a party representing the Council at the events.

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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 12:05pm

Signed.....

Date