

# PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

## Battle's Over Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Battle's Over Committee held on Monday 4 June 2018 at 9.30am at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall**

**Present:** Cllrs G McCann, P Orme and L Woodhouse

**In attendance:** Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council, and two members of the public.

### 1 Apologies for absence

Cllr Burn

### 2 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

### 3 Minutes of the last meeting

Councillors approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2018.

### 4 Public participation

As no members of the public were present councillors resolved to move to the next agenda item.

### 5 Progress to date

#### Cllr McCann:

- a. ~~Had approached the piper to see if he would be prepared to play Sleep in Peace at 6am on 11 November – as the piper is not available and no member of the band is available Sleep in Peace will not be played at 6.00am.~~
- b. Had contacted Fleetwood's Charity School to see if the choir could be involved at the evening event – *the school has confirmed that the children will be available from 6pm until 7pm. Details to be finalised with headmaster.*
- c. Would attend a meeting of the history group to let members know what is being proposed – *contact not yet made, clerk to email Cllr McCann with contact details of history group.*

#### Cllr Orme:

- a. ~~Would approach the cornet player (Andy) as a fallback position should the piper be unavailable at 6am – Andy is not available, however another member of the band might be available – see Cllr McCann (a) above. See Cllr McCann (a).~~
- b. Would speak with the ferry cafe to see if the owners would be interested in staying open to provide food and refreshments for the evening event – *in principle, yes, further details to be provided.*
- c. ~~Would speak with Wyre Council re bolting the fire basket and pole to the slipway – see Cllr McCann (c) above.~~
- d. ~~Would look into the feasibility of releasing doves – doves roost when it goes dark, therefore they would not be suitable for the evening event. Possibility that they could be released at the cenotaph earlier in the day. Cllr Iddon had confirmed that night time would not be good to release doves.~~
- e. Would approach John Squires-Evans re playing the Last Post at 6.55pm – *initial contact made, OK in principle. Will keep trying to contact to confirm arrangements.*
- f. Would speak with SODs re poetry reading – *awaiting a response from SODs.*
- g. Would contact the priest at the Catholic church re involvement and bell ringing - *contact not yet made.*
- h. Would contact the golf club re bell ringing - *initial contact made, OK in principle, will keep trying to get confirmation in writing.*
- i. To speak with Mark Butterworth regarding the possibility of having a float for the choirs to stand on and borrowing an amplifier for the event – *awaiting response from gala.*

- j. To speak with Rev. Dawn and Bill Burn re the ringing of the bells and double events of church service and armistice service at 11.00am on the 11<sup>th</sup> – *bell ringing at church OK – Rev Dawn will come to the event.*
- k. To speak with Bill Burn re the 'tuneless' choir - *contact not yet made.*
- l. To speak with Carter's Charity school to see if the choir would like to be involved - *contact not yet made.*
- m. To speak with Emma Dawson (local singer) to see if she would like to be involved – *will make contact – she seems receptive to the idea, knows it's a 'free' event, may have a backing group. Either songs from WW1 or a medley including WW2.*
- n. Coastguard is willing to donate a flare.
- o. John Squires-Evans is working on a suite of relevant music and has been practising a WW1 medley – *will finalise details with him.*

**Cllr Woodhouse:**

- a. Would provide contact details for the community choir – *details provided. Also contacted Kevin on choir – confirmed that willing to take part. Details to be confirmed.*
- b. Would check on availability of the cloggers – *possibility that they will attend depending on membership of group at the time.*
- c. Contact Angela Greenwood at the creative writing group to see if they would like to take part – *Angela and group interested. The library has confirmed the display. They would like to read out their own work at the event.*

**Clerk:**

- a. had noted the requirement for a temporary events notice.
- b. confirmed that Stalmine Council would not be holding any events on the day.

**6 Fire beacon**

Councillors had been asked to look at the various designs for a fire beacon available from the only official supplier of such equipment – Bullfinch gas. The national Battle's Over event organisers had commissioned a WW1 specific gas-fired fire basket for the centenary. However, it was felt that for the council to obtain value for money it would be better to purchase a basket that could be used at multiple events. Councillor's **resolved** that the clerk purchase the bowl beacon from Bullfinch and to note in the minutes that as this is the sole supplier of this equipment (which is fully safety approved and recommended by the national event organisers) no further like-for-like estimates could be obtained.

**7 Next steps**

See progress to date for update from previous months.

**Resolved:**

**Cllr McCann:**

To complete actions (c).

Follow-up action required on (b).

**Cllr Orme:**

To complete his actions (g), (k) and (l).

Follow-up action required on (b), (e), (f), (h), (i), (m) and (o).

**Cllr Woodhouse:**

To complete (c).

Follow-up action required on (a).

**Clerk:**

- a. to provide Cllr McCann with contact details for history society.
- b. to purchase a gas-fired fire bowl beacon from Bullfinch.

**8 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 July at 9.30am.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 11.30am.