

PREESALL TOWN COUNCIL

Battle's Over Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of the Battle's Over Committee held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 10.00am at Preesall Youth and Community Centre, Lancaster Road, Preesall

Present: Councillors G McCann, P Orme and L Woodhouse

In attendance: Alison May, Clerk to the Town Council

1(17-18) Apologies for absence

None

2(17-18) Appointment of chairman

Resolved: for Cllr Orme to be appointed as chairman of the committee.

3(17-18) Declaration of interests and dispensations

None.

4(17-18) Public participation

No members of the public were present.

5(17-18) Agreement of terms of reference

Resolved: to adopt the 'terms of reference' for the committee subject to the following amendment: - That the committee be time limited, with a final report being produced for the December 2018 council meeting.

6(17-18) Initial planning

Councillors were of the opinion that they needed to set a target of early summer for the arrangements for the event to be in place and agreed.

Proposals were put forward for the event to be held on the main car park by the ferry slip in Knott End with the fire basket and pole being bolted to the slipway. There would be a community event before and after the lighting of the basket with the event starting at approx 5.45pm. This would involve choirs from the schools and the village, poetry reading, and community group involvement i.e the cloggers, representatives from the local residential homes, the local history group, fire brigade, Royal British Legion (perhaps could lower the Standard) and churches would be invited. Possibility of asking Mark Butterworth for a trailer for choirs to stand on.

For the 'ringing out for peace' at 7.05, try to get all churches, golf club, schools (old hand bells) involved.

Resolved that:

Cllr McCann:

- a. Would approach the piper to see if he would be prepared to play 'Sleep in Peace' at 6am on 11 November
- b. Would contact Fleetwoods Charity School to see if the choir could be involved at the evening event
- c. Would attend a meeting of the history group to let members know what is being proposed.

Cllr Orme:

- a. Would approach the cornet player (Andy) as a fallback position should the piper be unavailable at 6am
- 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
- c. Would speak with Wyre Council re bolting the fire basket and pole to the slipway
- d. Would look into the feasibility of releasing doves
- e. Would approach John Squires-Evans re playing the Last Post at 6.55pm
- f. Would speak with SODs re poetry reading
- g. Would contact the priest at the Catholic church re involvement and bell ringing

h. Would contact the golf club re bell ringing.

Cllr Woodhouse:

a. Would provide contact details for the church choir

b. Would check on availability of the cloggers.

7(17-18) Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held during w/c 5 February – councillors to provide the clerk with details of their availability.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 11.45am.