

HERITAGE CABINET WORKING GROUP

Tuesday, 16th April, 2019
Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Mark Holland – in the Chair

Councillors:

H. Maxfield

S. Moffat

B. Panter

J. Walklate

Officers

Geoff Durham - Mayor's Secretary / Member Support Officer

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Heesom, Robinson, Rout and White.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. INTRODUCTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair, Councillor Mark Holland, explained the purpose of this Working Group to Members.

In 2023, the Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme will celebrate its 850th Anniversary of its Royal Charter (1173-2023). The Heritage Cabinet Working Group would be looking into and making plans for special events to mark this occasion.

Former Councillor David Harrison, who had originally been nominated to sit on this Working Group had put together a few ideas for the Group and had passed them to the Chair. Consent would be sought from Mr Harrison to share his ideas with the Group.

In addition to the celebration of the Borough's Royal Charter, the Chair stated that other celebrations of notable events within the Borough could also be celebrated.

The Chair and the Mayor, Councillor Gill Heesom had recently represented the Council at an event held at the Belong Heritage Gallery. A grant had been obtained to turn part of the building into a gallery showing the history of the Borough. In addition, Belong had set up a Heritage Group, which, the Chair stated he would attend. Members were advised that £5 million of Heritage Lottery money had, over the last few years, been granted to Newcastle and Kidsgrove.

Members were advised that this Group had two objectives:

- To come up with a programme of celebrations for the 850th Anniversary of the Royal Charter.
- To consider other events which should be celebrated in some way.

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Councillor Moffat stated that in 2022, it would be the one hundredth anniversary of the closing of the Knotty Railway and that perhaps a celebration event could be arranged for that. Also, people connected to the Minnie Pit disaster which occurred one hundred years' ago last year would like to see a permanent memorial.

The Chair stated that he was interested in celebrating specific events each year. Next year marks the Council's 30th anniversary of participating in Britain in Bloom. Last year, Newcastle came second in the national competition.

4. WORK PLAN

The Work Plan would be a programme of looking at upcoming notable dates and looking at ways of celebrating them.

The Chair would draft a Work plan which would be approved at the next meeting.

5. TIME AND FREQUENCY OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting would be held on 6 June, 2019 at 3pm.

The frequency of meetings would be discussed at that meeting.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

COUNCILLOR MARK HOLLAND
Chair

Meeting concluded at 7.40 pm