

# Civic Working Party- World War 1

## Minutes

Tuesday, 15 October 2013 at 10:00

**Attendees:**

Mr John Burroughs (Member), Mr Barry Coleman (Member), Mrs Marlene Fairhead (Member), Mrs Sylvia Pratt (Member), Mrs Colleen Walker (Member)

**Apologies for Absence:**

[no attendance published]

**Absent:**

Mr Trevor Wainwright (Member)

Also in attendance at the above meeting were:

Hillary Evans (Twinning Association), Ian Welch (Army Cadets), William Watson (Time and Tide Museum), Laura Goodman (Events Officer) and Karline Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

**1    Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2    Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence received.

**3    Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2013 were confirmed.

#### **4 Events for 2014**

The Events Officer reminded the working Party what was discussed at the last meeting. It was reported that Norfolk County Council have still not made any plans.

A Festival of Remembrance would be held at St Georges with the Salvation Army providing the music and it was suggested that poppy's could fall from the ceiling. It was then agreed that this should be held at 4pm on Saturday 8th November 2014.

A Civic Service would be held on GY Minster on 3 August 2014.

The Events Officer was in the process of trying to arrange for a tank to be in place at the front of the Town Hall as this had previously taken place in the past. It was suggested that Terry Burne could be approached as he has a contact at the Tank Museum at Muckleburgh or the TA in Norwich could be asked as well via the Gorleston Army Cadets if they have any contacts that could get a tank.

The Royal British Legion Ball would still be going ahead at Potters in Hopton.

A Lions Event in the park would be held on 14 June 2014 and St Georges had been booked.

Paul Davies stated that he had met with James Steward to discuss the display that would be in the Church which would include details of heroes from the Borough and would involve local schools. English Heritage had asked that the display be open for three months and he had said not to apply as Colin Stott from Time and Tide would submit a joint bid.

Colin Stott reported on the planned activities as part of the bid which included research work linked to the Heritage Schools project. Activities to include researching the stories of soldiers featured on war memorials, researching local events such as Zeppelin raids. Researching the impact of the war on local people including working in the maritime services and the changing role of woman. This work would be carried out with school students and their families. Preliminary research into archive sources would be carried out by a UEA MA intern from October 13 - March 14. Schools events focusing on dilemmas faced by conscientious objectors. These events will highlight differing attitudes to the war and the roles of different sectors of society (church, judiciary, press, women) in ensuring that soldiers continued to fight.

Margaret Gooch stated that she would speak to a Navy Admiral during the week to see if Great Yarmouth could have a submarine visit. Councillor Burroughs reported that there is an ex submariners group that meets in Trowse that could be involved.

Hillary Evans reported that the Twinning Association do not currently have any events planned but have written to Rambouillet for information on Rambouillet during the war but have not received a reply yet.

The Working Party then discussed funding students going to France. It was asked if there were any suggestion of which students and what age range they should be. Councillor B Coleman suggested involving the Mercury in this as a competition and he was happy with the suggestion to send a coach full of children to France. Paul Davies asked who this would be funded by and Time and Tide suggested that it could be funded by the Government as they have a funding pot for sending children to France and the officer for outside visits is Graham Lodge at Norfolk County Council. It was suggested that the children could meet other children

in France or Germany as this would help the bid. It was agreed that a Sub Group would be tasked with investigating this further and would include Rob Gregory, Colin Stott and James Steward. It was also suggested that the Imperial War Museum website offers funding suggestions or streams to apply for.

A World War memorial is being installed in Wroughton School which the Council's Memorial Officer is dealing with.

The Council Press Officer will be asked to let the press know what the Council is doing for the Centenary.

The Town Centre Manager would be asked if there were any empty shops that could be decorated by students or colleges.

Colin Stott reported that Time and Tide would be working with school children on researching the history of the Zeplin raids and would be working with Seachange Arts on this who would be building a Zeplin replica which would eventually be placed in the Time and Tide Museum.

The BBC Education Department have contacted Great Yarmouth Borough Council about using the market place for events.

## **5 Any other business**

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at: 10:48