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**LEWES
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To: Cllrs Catlin; Chartier; Makepeace; Mayhew; Murray (R).

A Meeting of the Working party formed to consider Commemorations and significant events will be held on **Tuesday 12th June 2018**, in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall, Lewes** at **11:00am** which you are summoned to attend.

S Brigden, Town Clerk
29th May 2018

AGENDA

1. ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman for the Working Party for the 2018/19 municipal year

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

To receive apologies from members of the working-party who are unable to attend.

3. MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To note declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

4. QUESTION TIME

To receive any questions regarding items on the agenda for this meeting.

5. MINUTES

To agree minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2018

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6. MEMBERSHIP of the WORKING PARTY

To note that Cllr O'Keeffe has resigned from the working party. *(Council to consider vacancy in due course)*

7. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Consideration of projects and events:

Update on projects in progress

Support request *(WW1 Centenary event proposed by Prof M Bull, Sussex University – notes at meeting)*

Any items in prospect

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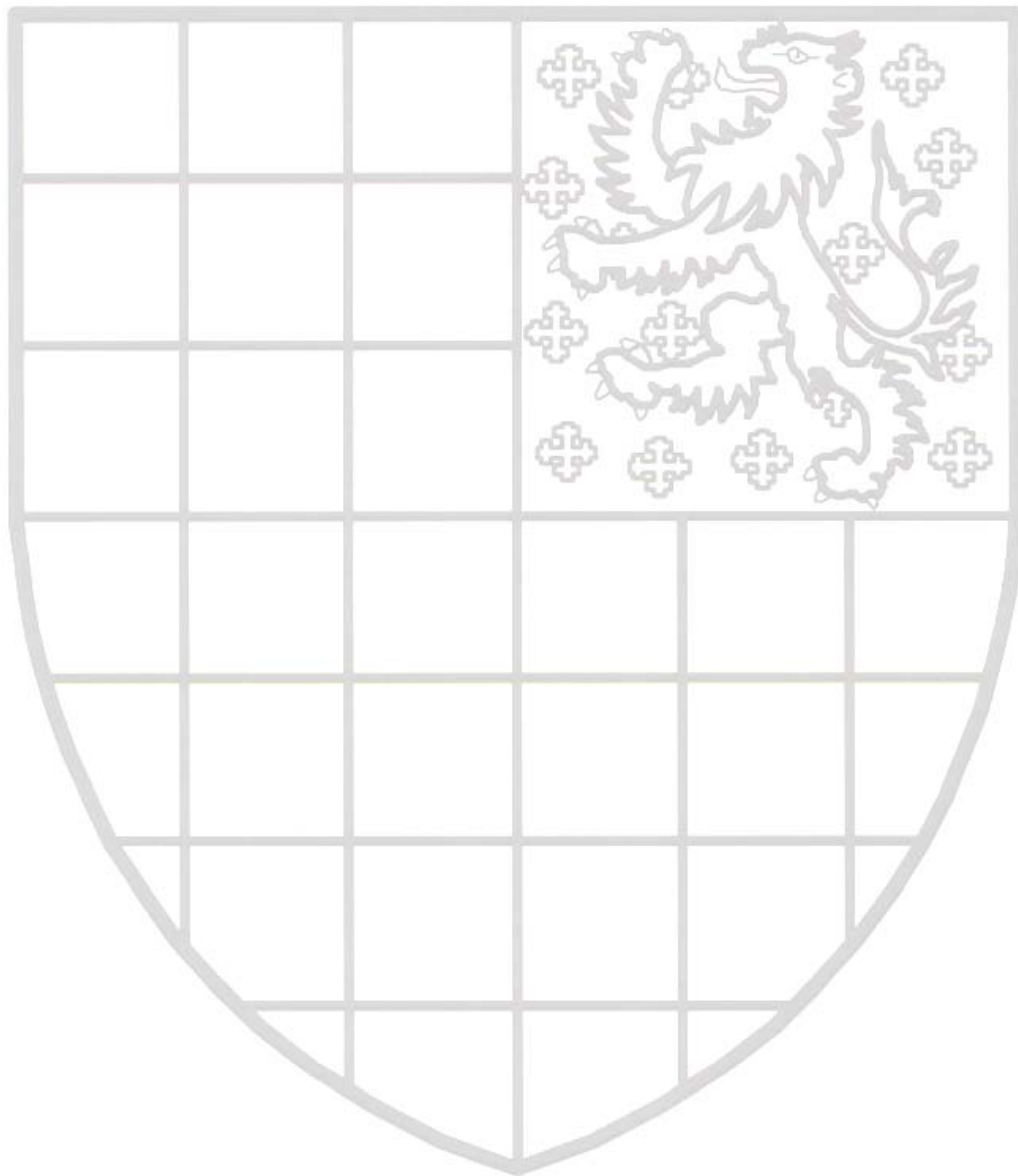
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Distribution: Cllrs Catlin; Chartier; Makepeace; Mayhew; Murray (R).

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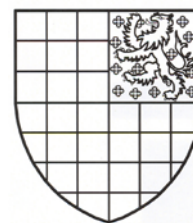
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MINUTES

of the meeting of the **Working Party** formed to consider commemorations and significant events, held on **Tuesday 30th January 2018** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Lewes** at **11:00am**.

PRESENT Cllrs S Catlin (Wischhusen); M Chartier (*Chairman*); I Makepeace; Dr G Mayhew; R Murray.

In attendance: S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*).

CmemsWP2017/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received and noted from Cllr R O’Keeffe, who had a family commitment

CmemsWP2017/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

CmemsWP2017/18 QUESTIONS: There were none

CmemsWP2017/19 MINUTES:

A Member asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that she had introduced the possibility of a wooden plaque to commemorate the Royal Sussex Regimental Association. Whilst other Members remembered that suggestion, it was noted that its omission was not significant in context of the accuracy of the Minutes, and the opportunity to suggest a general amendment should be exercised upon receipt of the draft.

It was resolved that:

CmemsWP2017/19.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th August 2017 were received and signed as an accurate record.

CmemsWP2017/20 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:

The meeting welcomed Ms Brigitte Lardinois and Dr Diana Wilkins, attending to introduce Members to the “Suffrage to Citizenship” initiative affiliated to the ongoing Reeves Photography Archive project; Ms Julie Van Ackeren, LRA Supervisor at Sussex Downs College, attending with a view to potential collaborations; and Phil Rose and Graham Festenstein, attending to report on the Lewes Light Festival (LLF).

Sussex Downs College – Ms Van Ackeren explained the areas in which she could see potential for collaborations and a long-term working relationship with the Council, and members were generally welcoming of these. It was suggested that she and her colleagues liaised with TC in the near future to define any specific prospects.

Lewes Light Festival 2017 – Mr Festenstein and Mr Rose described the outcomes of the 2017 LLF which had seen a threefold increase in visitors compared with the previous event. Involved were more than 50 students from five institutions, including a primary school, and more than 100 local businesses were engaged in some way. There had been a marked increase in both direct and indirect support from within the lighting industry, and local engagement had extended much further than before with a wider age range among volunteer helpers. This had allowed young and older people to be paired as tour guides and an impressive number of young helpers from previous years’ events had returned, even after having moved-on from full-time education. Young people had also been linked with industry professionals and the organizers would like to recognize the benefits of this concept in future, by issuing an “apprenticeship certificate” for

inclusion in a student's personal portfolio.

In 2018 the theme of the LLF event was to be "Lost..." with reference to 'lost' roads/buildings/public houses/key businesses. Links to play-schemes at Landport and Malling were planned. It was noted that the event had been shortlisted for a lighting industry award, and that improved 'profile' meant that financial support needed may be less than anticipated, with a funding balance shifting to reduce dependence on elements such as LTC grant.

The 2018 event would run on 12th; 13th and 14th October and detailed planning would begin in earnest shortly. Members were happy to indicate their support in-principle and looked forward to learning more in due course.

"Suffrage to Citizenship" initiative – Dr Wilkins and Ms Lardinois outlined this initiative, which was part of the broader project "Lewes seen through a glass plate" based upon the Edward Reeves Archive. 2017 and earlier events had been very successful partnerships with the Town Council, and it was hoped that this newest project would similarly integrate with LTC's plans for commemoration. This project was not to be a "lightbox" display as before, but would focus upon the 1910-1920 period in the archive and hopefully inform a Lottery bid for work covering a wider period. A bid was already in preparation to The Women's Vote Centenary Grant Scheme – set up by the Government Equalities Office.

There would be an open exhibition on 13th December, and the team were promoting Lewes's Kate Fowler-Tutt for inclusion in a programme run by The Women's Local Government Society, who set out in March 2017 'to identify and celebrate the lives of 100 women and men who were active in the campaign for extending the vote to all women and who went on to use their extended rights of citizenship in a positive way in their local areas'. Ms Lardinois explained that they sought Council support when making various grant applications to third-party funds, to boost chances of success, and possible occasional use of rooms for training event volunteers and school parties. Working Party members welcomed this partnership, agreeing to support the Equalities Office grant application and to assist the project where practical. It was suggested that there may be an opportunity for Archive project members to attend the annual International History Conference in Blois, Lewes's French twin town, where the 2019 theme was to be "Imagery". This attracted thousands of historians each year and was the largest event of its kind in France.

Commemorative Plaque – Royal Sussex Regimental Association: TC updated members on progress: the stonemason proposed to visit the Town Hall to assess the fixing method most suitable. Once this was done it had been stated that the normal lead-time for production could be as long as eighteen weeks. This was acknowledged as unfortunate but unavoidable.

International Day of Peace 2018: there was a suggestion that there might be an opportunity for working with the Pestalozzi Village charity, which had been tentatively broached the previous year at a social event. Dr Mayhew and TC would pursue this. An approach would also be made to local schools, at a suitable point in the school year.

Other matters – Members were interested to consider a suggested performance by The Bard's Buskers to mark Shakespeare's birthday on 22nd April. It was noted that the fee for performing at All Saints would be only £200 and Members were happy to agree this, recognizing that prompt booking was needed.

Principal Councils were being asked to mark the 1918 Armistice and various opportunities would arise for the Town Council – it was proposed that a partnership with the Depot might be arranged in a similar way to recent Holocaust Memorial Day film screenings – perhaps utilizing both Depot and All Saints Centre. Members recognized that the November 1918 ceasefire agreement was actually a temporary measure, and was renewed on 13th

December 1918; 16th January 1919, and 16th February 1919 before the eventual signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28th 1919 and its effective date of 10th January 1920. Suggestions for suitable, relatively low-key, acknowledgements to mark these milestones would be welcomed.

CmemsWP2017/21

CONCLUSIONS:

Council would be asked to support the decisions of the Working Party, as described.

CmemsWP2017/22

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed, and thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

The meeting closed at 12:10pm

Signed.....

Date

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