

**REPORT OF A NATION'S TRIBUTE CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2017**  
**AT 1.00 P.M. IN ANNEX B ROOM, OLD SCHOOL, LLANTWIT MAJOR**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dr. P.D. Ellis - Chairman  
Councillor J. Evans  
Councillor G. Thomas  
Councillor Mrs. J. Norman  
Councillor G. Morgan  
Councillor Dr. P. Dickson

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORMS.** No Councillors Declaration of Interest Forms.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Councillor E. Williams.

A hardcopy of 'The Battles Over' Guide was available for all Councillors present detailing the Tribute, types of Beacons, Legal and Safety Precautions and various Associations support.

1. **TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION DETAILS**

a. **TO CONSIDER BUDGET TO BE SET ASIDE**

Committee was to consider the costs for providing a Beacon and suitable textile material for the Commemorative Quilt. Until prices are sought an estimated initial budget should be set aside.

**RECOMMENDED:** Committee recommended to Full Council an initial Budget of **£1,000.00 (ONE THOUSAND POUNDS)**. This Budget will need to be reviewed once it has been the actual costs of a purchasing a Beacon and materials for the Commemorative Quilt have been established.

b. **BEACON OF LIGHT**

(1) **Cost Involved**

Committee considered the options of either purchasing a readymade Beacon or have one locally made to the specifications as stated in 'The Battles Over' Guide. The cost of a readymade 'ball shaped top' Beacon is £360.00 + VAT.

**RECOMMENDED:** Councillor J. Evans, Councillor G. Morgan and Councillor G. Thomas to liaise with local firms regarding a locally made Beacon to the specifications provided.

(2) **LOCATION OF BEACON**

In order to accommodate attendance by the local community various locations were considered, e.g. – Llantwit Major Beach, Rugby Club Car Park, outside of the Youth Centre, etc. Committee agreed to re-discuss this matter at the next Meeting.

**RECOMMENDED:** The exact location of the Beacon to be fully discussed at next Meeting.

(3) **Health and Safety Precautions:**

Details of necessary precautions were outlined in ‘The Battles Over’ Guide.

**RECOMMENDED:** All precautions will be strictly adhered to.

c. **To Consider Suitable Commemorative Decorated Item - Locally made and Displayed**

(1) It was suggested that local organisations, schools, and the community become involved in making a Commemorative Quilt which would be hung outside on the Town Hall during the Remembrance Service in 2018. The Quilt would then be on display upstairs in the Town Hall (back of the stage) and in future years, on Remembrance Day, the Commemorative Quilt would be hung outside the Town Hall.

(2) An 8” x 8” textile square with a poppy knitted, sewn or painted on it would be available. Each square would be on sale at a cost of £1.00. Workshops could take place at the Llantonian Hall for those willing to sew the squares together to form the Commemorative Quilt.

(3) The possibility of using very large poppies, on a suitable type of netting, is hung outside the Town Hall before and during the Remembrance Day in 2018.

**RECOMMENDED:** Committee recommended organisations and the community be made aware of Council’s involvement and proposals. Following Full Council’s approval an advertisement is placed in the GEM Newspaper informing the Community of the Town Council’s proposals. Contact be made with local textile firms and engineering firms (Beacon) for quotations.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED:** Committee recommended local organisations and the community be asked if they had First World War Memorabilia which they would be willing to loan and put on display in in the Town Hall. The local History Society would be approached to ask if they would be willing to become involved with this project.

## **2. TO CONSIDER LOCAL INVOLVEMENT**

### **a. Invite a Representative from Local Organisations to Future Meetings.**

- (1) Committee proposed that a representative from each of the following local organisations/Armed Forces/Churches be invited to the next Meeting: History Society, The Royal British Legion, the RAF, the Army, the Navy, all local Clergy and the Events Group.
- (2) A letter is to be sent to all other local organisations informing them of the proposals, asking for their support, and enquiring if they have any suggestions and if they are willing to give financial support to the projects.
- (3) Local schools are contacted to ascertain what Commemorative projects they are considering.
- (4) The local Choir is approached asking if they will be willing to lead the Community singing First World War songs at the Cenotaph on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

### **RECOMMENDED:**

- (1) Committee recommended local representatives from the History Society, The Royal British Legion, RAF St. Athan, the Army, the Navy, All local Clergy and Events Group be invited to the next Meeting.
- (2) A letter is sent to local organisations asking for their support, suggestions and any financial support to the projects.
- (3) Contact local schools enquiring what Commemorative projects they are considering.
- (4) The local Choir is approached asking if they will sing First World War songs on 2018 Remembrance Sunday.

### **b. Encourage Local Community Involvement.**

The local Community is made aware of the proposals by articles placed in the GEM Newspaper on a regular basis and posters displayed on local noticeboards.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the local community is made fully aware of the projects.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 1.00 p.m. The Meeting is to be held in the Annex B Room of the Old School, Llantwit Major

