

AGENDA ITEM
88.1 REFERS

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Report from the 1918 Armistice Commemoration Working Party
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 15th May 2018
in the Town Council Offices

12 4 MAY 2018

Present: Martin Eager (Chair & Note Taker) Brenda Hill, Mike Stephens & Lloyd Meredith (RBL), Jennifer Harrison, and Clive Jupp,

Apologies: Cllr Keith Francis & Cllr Andy Manns, also Bob Barnes & Rev Bill McKenzie.

- 1. **Interests:** None declared.
- 2. **Notes from Meeting held on 11th April:** Accepted & Approved without any alterations.

3. **Matters Arising that were not on the agenda:**
It was noted that the 11th April meeting had yet to go through the Environment & Leisure Committee and Full Council, members hoped that the spending recommendation (item 9) would be ratified soon.

M. Eager informed the meeting that these two (11th April & 15th May) meetings may go straight to Full Council on 24th May.

4. **Funding Application:**
Members were presented with a letter from The War Memorial Trust stating that the funding application for the refurbishment of the War Memorial had been turned down. Members were hugely disappointed and following discussion unanimously agreed the following....

Recommendation: That Ledbury Town Council using allocated funds and if necessary identified reserves, fully funds the War Memorial refurbishment and associated groundwork's on the proviso that the contractors and all other parties involved can give an assurance that the necessary permissions will be in place and so allowing subsequent works will be completed by 30th September 2018.

5. **War Memorials On-line Update:**
M. Eager & J. Harrison reported that all the Ledbury War Memorials had been updated and accredited as necessary.

6. **1918 Armistice Commemoration Updates:**
a. J. Harrison reported that another meeting was required with Rachael Lambert re Ledbury's War Memorials publication. There was still work including proofing and layout, still some confusion with numbers. M. Eager stated that he and B. Barnes would offer their time and input if it would help to facilitate the production progress of this leaflet and also with the Pop up Banners displays.

Action: That Jenny liaises with Rachael Lambert re future meeting with input if required from B. Barnes & M. Eager either before and/or at any meeting to be arranged.

b. Exhibition Date from 7th November to 14th November in St Michael & All Angels,

Action: B. Barnes & M. Eager to help move exhibition materials and help set up in church on 6th November, any other offers of help would be gratefully accepted.

c. Silent Soldiers – B. Hill reported that she had raised by donations £850 from local businesses which had been topped up to £1000 by Ledbury RBL. B. Hill congratulated for her efforts, she had also spoken to several local businesses re possible locations, these included Co-Op in New Street, Railway Station, Ledbury Fire Station, Full Pitcher & Amcor Flexibles. Other locations suggested were the Market House, Queens Walk, Walled Garden, Ledbury Recreation Ground, Ledbury Cemetery, Church Yard and Alms Houses.

Action: B. Hill obtains 10 (ten) Silent Soldiers and that working with Ledbury RBL and any other volunteer help install at suggested locations without delay. N.B. The Indemnity Agreement had been signed by Ledbury RBL.

Recommendation: That Ledbury Town Council without further delay order their agreed 2 Silent Soldiers (and sign the Indemnity Agreement) and place at, (a). the railings at the cemetery at the junction of Oakland Drive and (b). in the Ledbury Centenary Fields Recreation Ground close to the rededication notice.

7. Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018:

J. Harrison reported to the meeting that a meeting between relevant parties had taken place to set the order of service for the day, still a work in progress, Parade Marshall Len Huff not at that meeting but informed of discussion. Future meeting planned but no date set. There was discussion as to who reads out the names of the fallen; logistics and a tight timing schedule were debated. No changes to original and agreed order were proposed.

8. Armed Forces Day 30th June 2018:

Hoped that New Mayor would be at the flag raising (RBL) ceremony at 10am that day.

9. Merchant Navy Day:

Reported that Jean Simpson straight after the last meeting was shown the facilities at RBL but had not heard back. No other progress report.

10. AOB:

J. Harrison gave the meeting the map and names of the fallen which is proposed to be printed on an A1 board.

Action: That J. Harrison supplies M. Eager with electronic version of the map and that he arranges printing on an A1 plasticised sheet.

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Next Meeting scheduled for 10th July 2018 at 7pm in the Council Offices