

THTC/2/2009-2010

WOOTTON BASSETT TOWN HALL AND TRUST CHARITY

Minutes of the meeting of the Wootton Bassett Town Hall and Trust Charity held on Thursday 11th February 2010 at 8.45p.m. in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Station Road, Wootton Bassett.

PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Bucknell, Mary Champion, Peter Doyle, Susan Doyle, Linda Frost, Owen Gibbs, Paul Heaphy Mike Leighfield, Peter Roberts, Bill Roberts and Steve Walls

Officers in Attendance: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk and Susan Huish, Administrative Assistant

8. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sanjay Soni, Jenny Stratton and Audrey Wannel.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.

Councillor Steve Walls declared a non prejudicial interest as a member of the Wootton Bassett Museum and Heritage Group.

10. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements that the Chairman wishes to make.

RESOLVED to note that no announcements were made.

11. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Wootton Bassett Town Hall and Trust Charity held on Thursday 16th July 2009 (THTC/1/2009-2010). Copy previously circulated.

12. WOOTTON BASSETT MUSEUM & HERITAGE GROUP

Mr Steve Walls, 5 Sheridan Drive, reported that there were more volunteers than ever before. He advised that the coconut matting had been removed and that the Henry Meux bust had been restored. He also reported that two hundred and forty people attended the museum at the Christmas lights event.

Mr Walls went on to advise Members that the Museum was looking into the purchase of a scanner. He expressed concern that the colour of the Newsham Fire Engine was not authentic and the Museum and Heritage group would need to investigate further.

13. TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE – HEATING SYSTEM

There has been ongoing discussion with the Councils Historical Buildings advisor, Me George Chedburn, regarding the merits of installing a background heating system in the Town Hall.

Trust Members requested more details about the merits of installing such a system. A copy of the advice received from George Chedburn was attached.

The Trust at this stage was asked to note the advice and decide whether it wished such a scheme to be prepared for consideration.

RESOLVED to note the advice .

Further RESOLVED to monitor the humidity in the museum for a period of twelve months and return to the Trust with the information. It was noted that the only artefact to date damaged by the moisture, was the Appreciation Scroll. The Town Council agreed to have this removed.

7. NEWSHAM FIRE PUMP

A number of contractors have now been contacted following the Trusts decision to consider displaying the Newton Fire Pump under the Town Hall, in a bespoke hardwood cabinet. Given the variety of options put forward, it was suggested that the Trust ask three Members together with one representative of the Museum Development Group to review the possible schemes and come back to the Trust with a firm recommendation.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillors Mary Champion, Peter Doyle and Chris Wannell.

Further RESOLVED to appoint Mr Keith Dixon as a representative of the Museum Development Group.

Meeting closed 9.10pm