Agenda item 8

Notes from meeting to discuss Wem Town’s 75th Anniversary of VJ and VE Day Commemorations held on Monday 10th February 19.00 in The Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem

9 members of the public present

Christine Saxton, Selwyn Sanders, Paul Johnson, Jenny Whitfield, Mac McDermott, Phil Moyse, Sue holiday, Nick Heron, Cathy Rutherford

**1. Welcome and opening remarks**

Cllr Glover welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

The following apologies were received Ray Edge, Enid Smith, Tim Wilton Morgan, Connie Granger, Rosemary Dodd.

**3. Notes from meeting held on 18.11.19 for approval**

**It was agreed to approve the notes from 18.11.19 meeting**

**4. Progress report** - To receive reports on progress made on the following items raised at the previous meeting.

**Friday 8th May**

* **Whole Town events**

Update from Penny O’Hagan ref piper and nations toast 15.00 – **Penny reported that she had booked the piper and made all the publicans aware of the Nations Toast event.**

Nick Heron ref bell ringing – **Nick reported that the bell ringers would be taking part in the ringing out for peace at 7pm.**

**Saturday 9th May**

* **Use of Millennium Green for the community picnic -**.

Update from Christine Saxton ref cadets - **Christine reported that she has written to all cadets and young people’s organisations. The air cadets cannot help as they have another event and the guides and scouts have confirmed that they will be there to help and support and she is waiting to hear back from the army cadets, Wem ADOS are also aware of the event and are willing to support it.**

Update fromPhil Glover ref use of toilets and to borrow chairs from Stage Door Theatre **– Cllr Glover reported that he was not sure whether The Stage Door would be able to supply chairs or toilet facilities. However it was confirmed that the Methodist Church would allow the use of some plastic chairs on the day for the band and the toilets would also be available**.

* **Use of Methodist Church Hall**

Update fromMethodist Church ref offer to co-ordinate refreshments **– Paul Johnson confirmed that the building will be available as a wet weather venue and the church members will be happy to sell teas and coffees with disposable cups, he would also be willing to sell bacon and sausage baps but these would need to be advertised in advance, he would also talk to church members about how money raised from refreshments would be spent.**

* **Decoration** – Update fromRBL ref. bunting and other decorations to be erected on the Millennium Green – **Christine Saxton reported that she has available banners and bunting to decorate the green and Sue Holiday reported that she has some that can be used as well.**
* **Stalls** – Update from Christine Saxton ref co-ordination of stalls for Youth Organisations in the Town and the RBL – **Christine Saxton reported that as previously agreed the youth organisations in the town have been approached to offer them stalls on the day. The RBL will also be hosting a stall along with a poppy stall.**
* **Musical entertainment**

Update from Becky Heywood/Jennie Whitfield/ Jubilee Band ref musical programme

**It was reported that due to staffing issues St Peters School would be unable to take part in the event but that Thomas Adams School was keen to continue to be involved, there was no update from Newtown School. It was suggested that Wem Community Choir be invited to take part as well.**

**A provisional programme for the day was agreed**

**Wem Jubilee Band play 2 x 20 minute sets - popular music from the 40’s**

**Thomas Adams 2 x 20 minute slots orchestra and choir**

**Community Choir – 1 x 20 minute slot**

**Finale Combined Community Choir and Thomas Adams Choir and Community singing.**

**ACTION - Becky, Cathy and Jennie to agree exact order of programme**

**ACTION - Mac and Nick to contact Community Choir to invite them to take part**

**ACTION - Penny to print song sheets to be distributed once known**

Penny O’Hagan ref speaker system - **Penny reported that the speaker system had been booked for the compere but if they required more specific speakers to enhance the musical performance the school would need to let her know what was required so she can arrange it.**

Shrewsbury Town Crier Compere - **it was reported that Martin Wood has agreed to compere the event.**

**Sunday 10th May**

* Update fromRev Nick Heron to contact other churches to see whether a joint service could be arranged.

**Nick reported that he was willing to organise a service for 18.00 and a discussion took place on the best location for this and whether to hold it indoors or outdoors. It was agreed that indoors would be better and several venues were suggested**.

**ACTION - Penny to contact Wem Town Hall about booking the main hall for the service.**

* **Commemorative Tree Planting** Update fromWem Rotary ref co-ordination of this project in partnership with Wem Civic Society - **no update received however Christine reported that the Woodland Trust had indicated that they could supply the trees and help with planting if needed. Jennie agreed to identify areas of Thomas Adam’s grounds which would be suitable for tree planting.**

**5.Publicity and High Street Decoration**

It was agreed that a poster should be produced advertising all events taking part over the 3 days. Jennie agreed to approach Thomas Adams Art department to see if they would help with this.

**ACTION - Penny to provide details of event and information to go on the poster**

It was agreed that the High Street Shops should be approached to see if they would decorate the shop fronts in red, white and blue for the weekend.

**ACTION - Penny and Sue Holiday to approach shops to see if this would be possible**

**6. Narnia Themed decoration of Baptist Church -** Update from Edward Towers – no update, item deferred to next meeting.

**7. Any other matters**

Other forms of refreshments – Sue Holiday agreed to contact ice cream van and to request a donation. It was suggested that any donations received could be put towards tree planting.

**8. Date of next meeting**

**Monday 30th March at 19.00**