

Report of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 to discuss the arrangements for the Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations June 2016 held in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House, Wem at 7pm.

Present 17 members of the community of Wem Town and Wem Rural Parish. Apologies were received from Wem Jubilee Band.

1. Welcome and opening remarks – Mayor John Murray and Cllr Tim Wilton Morgan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. They outlined the purpose of the meeting was to create a steering group to develop ideas for an event to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday in June 2016

2. Volunteers for steering group - All groups represented wished to be involved with the steering group and it was agreed that each group could nominate 1 representative to attend steering group meetings.

The following groups were represented at the meeting;

Wem Cadets.

Wem Scouts.

Wem WI.

Methodist Church.

Wem Rural Parish Council.

Wem Town Council.

Wem Senior Club.

Eckford Sweet Pea Society.

Wem Town Hall.

In addition to this a number of individuals attended who wished to be involved with the project. It was also agreed that if more groups wished to be involved they could send representatives to future meetings.

A discussion took place on what sort of event should be organised to mark the occasion and it was agreed that details would be left to the steering group however a number of suggestions were made including;

Hold a Birthday Party on the 12th June on the recreation ground or Millennium Green with entertainment from local organisations.

Hold a series of events over the course of a month starting with the party and finishing with the Sweet Pea Show in July.

Encourage local organisations holding events in the summer of 2016 to link into the theme of 90 years especially as it will tie in with the 90 year anniversary of the Methodist Church.

Organise a parade down the High Street.

RESOLVED that a steering committee be formed and the Town Council and Rural Parish Council set up the first meeting.

A discussion took place on funding for the project and it was agreed that the steering committee would consider this at their first meeting.

3. Next meeting date - It was agreed to set a provisional meeting date of Tuesday 12th January at 19.30 in the Roden Suite, Edinburgh House. The Town Clerk agreed to organise the room booking.

The Mayor and Cllr Wilton Morgan thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended at 19.45