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LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM
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Report from the 1918 Armistice Commemoration Working Party
Held at 7pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018
in the Town Council Offices

Present: Cllrs Martin Eager (Chair & Note Taker), Bob Barnes & Keith Francis, also Jenny Harrison, Brenda Hill (RBL), Reverend Bill McKenzie, Alison Thomas (Ledbury Traders), Rachel Lambert (Joined up Heritage), Mike Stephens (RBL) and Clive Jupp

Apologies: Lloyd Meredith & Cllr Jean Simson

1. **Interests:** None declared.

2. **Last Meeting:**

The notes from the last meeting were approved, but subject to a single amendment..
Final Recommendation, invite Joanne Ruddock, winning designer of The Airman Plaque in The War Memorial – not descendent as stated.

3. **Matters arising from the last meeting:**

a. Jenny is in the process of designing a 24 page A5 Ledbury War Memorial commemoration booklet, costs and quantity still to be established – discussion resulting in the following....

Recommendation: That Jenny proceeds with establishing costs of producing 5000 booklets, and that it is funded by LTC from budget, with possible RBL part funding, and that an offer from Rachel Lambert to help with design (contacts) is taken up, and that they are distributed to local schools, heritage buildings and shops along with donation boxes.

b. **Community Choir yet to be contacted.**

Action: That Keith/Jill Jupp contacts Ledbury Community Choir re availability for Remembrance Sunday Service & Armed Forces Day.

c. **Remembrance Sunday service discussed.**

Recommendation: That LTC call a meeting of all parties involved and is convened to plan all aspects of the 2018 Remembrance Sunday Service, this to be done at the earliest opportunity.

4. **1918 Armistice Commemoration:**

a. **War Memorial:**

Martin reported that he and Tracey had that morning completed refurbishment funding pre-app forms, following advice from Rachel Lambert he would take measures to further progress the application.

Rededication date on hold until funding and works confirmed.

b. WW1 Exhibition:

Jenny plans to hold a WW1 exhibition in St Michaels, dates to be confirmed though probably centred late Autumn around Armistice Day. Jenny to report back.

c. Armed Forces Day (Saturday 30th June):

Discussed and agreed that it will be a low key event as opposed to two years ago when the town centre was closed (opposed this year)

Ideas included... poetry readings, music (see 3b), rededication of the War Memorial (if completed)

Merchant Navy Day was also discussed, but when discovered that it will be a weekday then no plans were made – to be a future agenda item.

Action: Rachel to contact Ledbury Brass Band for availability.

d. Memorial Plaques:

Debated further with the following recommendations/Actions

- a. That designs/quotes are sought for 85 plaques – Jenny.
- b. That all relevant house owners are written too – Jenny/Brenda.
- c. That a large scale 1914/18 town map is sourced with the aim to produce a display of where the Ledbury Fallen lived – Jenny/Bob/Brenda.
- d. That RBL is contacted re part funding – LTC

5. Centenary Fields Recreation Ground:

Re dedication service further discussed with the following recommendation.

Recommendation: That the Rededication of the Centenary Fields will take place on Friday 23rd March which will coincide with the death of Alick Gregory Martin MC aged 35 on 23rd March 2018. This family lived at Upper Hall and were mainly responsible for creation of Ledbury Recreation Ground.

Action: Keith will liaise with Ledbury Primary School re best time for service attendance, and then JMHS will be asked to participate when service timetable established.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7pm in the Town Council Offices

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