

**REPORT OF THE INQUORATE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF DARTMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 at 6PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: T de Galleani (Chair); B Harriss;

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs: Baillie; Springett; Administrator: R Searle; 2 members of the public; Press representative

**In view of the fact that the Committee was not quorate, this report is for information only**

**BUS SHELTERS AT THE TOP OF TOWN**

Cllr Baillie asked about the addition of extra bus shelters at Townstal, especially one for outside the Football Club. The answer from the owners of the land was that they had declined to have a bus shelter on their land. Cllr Baillie said that she would take this up with the County Councillor.

The question of using the bus shelters for advertising had been raised but members felt that it would be better for this to be taken forward to be discussed by the new Committee following the elections.

**HIGHSTREET FUNDING**

A representative from the group that is making a bid for a grant from the High Streets Fund asked for the Council's support. He said that the group now had 15 members and they were recruiting new members all the time which was encouraging. It was important to gather as much evidence and data to support their bid as this was a competition. The group had to submit their case via the District Council by 22<sup>nd</sup> March and if successful at this stage, they would go forward to the next level. He stressed that it was important to have a mixture of representatives and at least 2 councillors involved in this project would be a great help.

The Committee were happy to support in theory and the Chairman would ask for Full Council support.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP UPDATE**

There was no update as the Christmas Lights Working Group's meeting had been rescheduled to a later date.

**5TH ANNIVERSARY FOR D-DAY – INVITATIONS**

Cllr Springett reported that an invitation had been sent to the US Ambassador and he had been invited to bring a contingent of US Forces. Arrangements were under way to meet with BRNC. It was planned to invite representatives from the parishes that were evacuated during WW2, as well as Kingswear and Stoke Fleming.

Cllr Springett also suggested that we corresponded with the French Ambassador, as motor torpedo boats used during the war were based in Kingswear. The French Liaison Officer would probably be in attendance as representative of the Free French.

Cllr Springett suggested that in view of the fact that it was the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day this year, Mayflower 400 in 2020 and that the only United Kingdom based United States Battle Monument is situated in Dartmouth, the Freedom of the Town be granted to members of the United States Armed Forces based in the United Kingdom.

Cllr Springett requested that this proposal be taken to the next Full Council meeting.

**The members of the Committee were in agreement with Cllr Springett and happy to support, but in view of the fact that the meeting was not quorate no vote was recorded.**

#### **GDPR (UPDATE)**

The Clerk was continuing to work on this to ensure compliance.

#### **DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE CASTLE (Update)**

The Administrator reported that she had contacted Malcolm Matthews who co-ordinates the defibrillators in Dartmouth to enquire if it was possible to move the one outside the Guildhall to the Castle Estate. This had been suggested in view of the fact that there is now one outside the Doctors' Surgery. He had confirmed that it would be possible to move it, but this would need to be undertaken by the Town Council and they would also be responsible for the weekly checking of the device. It would also be necessary to find a suitable position with an electricity supply. The question of staff availability would need to be discussed with the Clerk.

It was agreed that this would be a work in progress and put on to the next General Purposes Agenda.

#### **DISASTER PLAN (update)**

It was agreed that this Plan was still in progress. The Committee agreed that since the Councillor who had been the lead on this project had recently resigned, it should be taken forward to the next General Purposes Committee.

*The meeting closed at 6.35pm*