

# Civic Events Working Group

Thursday, 12 April 2007

**Present:** Councillor John Walker (Chair), Councillors Eric Bell and Danny Gee

**Officers Present:** Donna Hall (Chief Executive), Steve Pearce (Assistant Head of Democratic Services), Carol Iddon (Civic Services Manager), Giordan Fong (Senior Legal Assistant) and Dianne Scambler (Trainee Democratic Services Officer)

**Also in attendance:** M Finan (Chorley Royal British Legion), Mr Gaskell (Chorley Royal British Legion)

## 07.08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Gary Hall (Director of Finance) and Louise McCall (Curator of Astley Hall)

## 07.09 MINUTES

**RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Civic Events Working Group held on 12 March 2007 be confirmed as a correct record for signing by the Chair, subject to the amendment of minute 07.04 to reflect the correct procedure for inviting guests to the Civic Event.**

## 07.10 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

## 07.11 COMMEMORATION OF FALKLANDS 25TH ANNIVERSARY - 22 APRIL 2007

Mr Finan and Mr Gaskell, representatives of the Chorley Royal British Legion attended the meeting to report on the arrangements for their annual service of remembrance and parade for the Falklands Campaign to be held on 22 April 2007, which would also mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

25 Standards would be on parade along with the Deputy Mayor of Chorley, dignitaries from the authority, serving members of the armed forces, local ex-service personnel and the band of the Royal Artillery. The parade would then walk down to the local cenotaph in Astley Park where Reverend Cree would conduct an open-air memorial service.

Details of the event are to be posted on the Royal British Legion's website as Chorley's contribution to commemorating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Falklands campaign.

The group thought that there was little point in holding a similar event in June and fully supported the arrangements that had been put into place by the Chorley Branch of the Royal British Legion.

**RESOLVED – 1. That the authority fully supports the arrangements made by the Chorley Branch Royal British Legion for the commemoration of the Falklands 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 22 April 2007.**

**2. That the Mayor's Secretary sends a letter to all Members of the Council inviting them to attend the event.**

## **07.12 MAYORAL EVENING - 18 MAY 2007**

The Civic Services Manager reported that the arrangements for the Mayoral Event were well under way and that the Mayor's Secretary had just sent out the invitations.

The Curator of Astley Hall had given her assurances that the guests would be able to access the Astley Hall from the rear, but that due to the present building works taking place at Astley Park the guests would have to park on the public car park off Hallgate, Astley Village and walk around to the front of the Hall via the public footpaths. Details of the arrangements regarding access to Astley Hall on the night would be sent out to all the guests.

**RESOLVED – That the report be noted.**

## **07.13 FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH EVENT - 9 JUNE 2007**

The Assistant Head of Democratic Services reported further on the programme and action plan for the freedom event. The Police had agreed to put the necessary arrangements in place to stop traffic from proceeding down St. Thomas's Road for the duration of the presentation of the freedom scroll on St. Thomas's Square and the wording of the scroll would read " the right to march through the streets of Chorley....with drums beating, bands playing and flags flying" in view of the fact that the 5 General Support Medical Regiment was a non combatant unit..

**RESOLVED – That the updated programme and action plan be noted.**

## **07.14 SZEKESFEHERVAR**

### **(a) Visit by Delegation 2007**

The Civic Services Manger reported that there was nothing of real significance or importance happening around the borough during September and October that we would be able to include within an itinerary for the visit of the Hungarian delegation during 2007.

It was generally felt that it was worth postponing the delegation until the next scheduled visit in two years time. The visit could then be planned around any special events happening at that time.

The Chorley Divisional Scouts were planning a visit to Szekesfehervar and the winner of the Astley Hall Artist Competition would also be attending the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Artist Camp in Agard, so it was felt that the relationship would still be maintained between the two towns.

It was also suggested that a small donation be made to the Scouts to help raise funds for their forthcoming trip.

**RESOLVED – 1. It was agreed by the working group to explore the possibility of there not being a visit this year and to find out the reaction from our twin town.**

**2. That a small donation be made to the Chorley District Scouts Association.**

### **(b) Artist Camp**

The Curator reported that the opportunity to go to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Artist Camp being held in Agard, Szekesfehervar from 24 September to 3 October 2007 would be the Visitors Choice Prize in the Astley Hall Open Exhibition. The Exhibition would open on Good Friday and the judging would take place in April. All the artists would be informed that the winner would be a Chorley resident. Details of the winning entry would be reported at a further meeting of this group.

**RESOLVED – That the report be noted.**

**(c) Cookery Project**

Details of the Szekesfehervar Cookery Project Programme had been circulated to all High Schools in the Borough of Chorley and Runshaw College and, a list of all the hotels and restaurants in the Borough had been sent to Councillor Eva Brajer.

**07.15 ST. GEORGE'S DAY - 23 APRIL 2007**

**RESOLVED – That the Civic Services Manager would make the necessary arrangements for the flag of the Borough and the flag of St George to be flown on 23 April 2007.**

Chair

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