

Civic Events Working Group

Wednesday, 30 May 2007

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

Officers Present: Paul Morris (Executive Director - Corporate and Customer), Louise McCall (Curator), Steve Pearce (Assistant Head of Democratic Services), Carol Iddon (Civic Services Manager) and Giordan Fong (Senior Legal Assistant)

07.16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies for absence were received.

07.17 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were declared.

07.18 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Civic Events Working Group held on 30 May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

07.19 MAYORAL CIVIC DINNER - 18 MAY 2007

The Civic Services Manager and the Curator reported that the recent Mayoral Civic Dinner that had taken place this year at Astley Hall on 18 May 2007 had been a resounding success.

The Civic Services and Hall's staff had worked extremely hard to make it a memorable occasion for the Mayor and Mayoress and 60 guests.

Members enquired as to the possibility of lighting the fire in the Great Hall and the Curator reported that this was something that she was already looking into, and was aiming to have it lit for the Christmas period.

The Chair asked that the Deputy Mayor be invited to a meeting of this group towards the end of the year to discuss ideas for his Mayoral Civic Dinner in May 2008.

**RESOLVED – 1. That the report be noted
2. That the Deputy Mayor be invited to attend a later meeting of this group to discuss ideas for his Mayoral Civic Dinner in May 2008**

07.20 SZEKESFEHERVAR - ARTIST CAMP 24 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2007

The Curator reported that the first prize in the Astley First Choice Artist Competition had been awarded to Mr Joseph Lally from Adlington. He was thrilled to be attending the 18th Annual Artist Competition in Agard, Szekesfehervar representing Chorley. His work was to a very high standard and his CV had been sent to the organisers as instructed.

The Civic Services Manager reported that a letter had been sent to the Mayor of Szkesfehervar explaining that although we would not be receiving a delegation from their town this year, the Chorley District Scouts would be visiting in the Summer and an artist representing Chorley would be attending their event later in the year.

The Members felt that the possibility of similar events and trips from organisations in Chorley should be explored further, as a way of maintaining the friendship between the two towns, rather than restricting it to the visits made by dignitary delegations.

The Curator was asked to explore the possibility of a link being established between St. Michael's High School, which specialised in performing arts and the Music Academy in Szekesfehervar.

RESOLVED – 1. That the Curator explores the possibility of establishing a link with St. Michaels CE High School & Performing Arts College
2. That the Curator report back to a later meeting of this group on the visit made by Mr Joseph Lally, to the 18th Annual Artist Competition to be held in Agrad, Szekesfehervar

07.21 FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH EVENT - 9 JUNE 2007

The Assistant Head of Democratic Services presented the final programme and action plan for the event.

The Freedom Scroll to be presented to the 5 General Support Regiment was displayed at the meeting. It was intended that copies of the scroll would be given to all persons attending the Freedom Event luncheon as a memento of the occasion.

It was reported that on the day the Mayor may have to depart early and that the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress would receive the Regiment for the reception at the Town Hall.

The Civic Services Manager circulated the finalised Order of Service and Menu card for the luncheon that would be available on the day.

Most people had confirmed their attendance and it was expected that approximately 190 guests would be attending and outlined the arrangements for the luncheon.

The Freedom Event would be publicised the week before and a press release would be sent to BBC Radio Lancashire, Granada Reports, North West Tonight, the Chorley Guardian and the Citizen.

The Police have put the necessary arrangements in place for the parade through the town and the Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment Directorate would tidy up Market Street and cone of any areas where members of the public may try to park, so that the main walkway can be kept free from obstruction.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Chair