

Minutes of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Working Group

Meeting Date: Thursday, 09 December 2021, started at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor S Atkinson (Chair)

Councillors:

R Thompson
S Fletcher

K Horkin (from 10:18)

In attendance:

Chief Executive, Director of Economic Development and Planning and the Director of Community Service.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr J Clark sent her apologies.

2. UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATIONS:

It was noted that as of 08/12/2021, 12 Parish Councils had applied for a grant, and these were being processed by Finance. It was confirmed that Parish Meetings would also qualify for the grant and had been sent application details.

3. SUGGESTIONS for COMMEMORATIONS:

Based on the list of '*Ideas for Commemorations*' that had been circulated to group members, the Chairman asked each member for their preferred option. These options and the discussion each generated and associated actions is set out in the table below.

Option	Discussion / Actions
Commemorative wood or 'green canopy'.	Plant a small number of 'exclusive' Royal Oak trees. (It was noted that mature trees are very expensive). Plant several thousand saplings by encouraging land owners to participate in the commemorations. Action: On the latter point, the Council contact Hanson Cement, United Utilities and the Ribble Rivers Trust (please note that the Trust already has a planting programme in place).
Avenue of trees.	Action: Cllr Thompson will contact Ralph Ashton on this option.
Jubilee park, garden or play area.	Need to consider the location as some areas can be subject to vandalism. It was noted that the Council has been in contact with Lancashire County Council on specific locations in Clitheroe but has no update.
Renewal of the Brungerley Park sculpture trail with additional sculptures to represent each decade of The Queen's reign.	Need to consider sculptures being available to make a start by June 2022.
Commemorative trig point at Dunsop Bridge	Action: The Council to contact the relevant agency to see if this is possible.

Queens labyrinth on Pendle Hill	People and other agencies may consider that such a labyrinth would impinge on the history and natural beauty of Pendle Hill.
Ribble Valley Way	It was noted that the deputy major is keen on this suggestion. The design of any route marker needs to be considered and it is important not to introduce clutter along the route. Action: Cllr. Thompson to contact the relevant agencies.
Renaming the Castle grounds	Members were reminded that there could be some sensitivity and resistance in renaming the Castle grounds.

It was noted that the tree planting season runs between November and March and that grants are already available via the Woodland Creation and Maintenance Grant scheme for tree planting

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- a. Importance of having something in place by 2 June 2022.

It was considered that whatever is chosen to commemorate the Jubilee, it does not have to be in place by 2 June, if a start on the chosen commemoration has been made.

In this regard, it was suggested that a mock-up/presentation for media consumption be prepared. Such a presentation would set out the Council's commemorative intentions.

- b. Commemorative locations:

Members agreed that any commemoration cannot be solely Clitheroe centric and needs to include Longridge and other larger and important conurbations.

SUMMARY of ACTIONS

Commemorative idea	Action
Commemorative wood or 'green canopy'. <i>Plant several thousand saplings by encouraging land owners to participate in the commemorations.</i>	The Council to contact Hanson Cement, United Utilities, and the Ribble Valley Trust.
Avenue of trees.	Cllr Thompson to contact Ralph Assheton
Jubilee Park, garden or play area.	The Council to contact Lancashire County Council and Cllr Sue Hind for an update on recent discussions.
Renewal of the Brungerley Park sculpture trail with additional sculptures to represent each decade of The Queen's reign.	The Council to make enquires with the relevant people.
Commemorative trig point at Dunsop Bridge	The Council to contact Ordnance Survey to see if this is possible.
Ribble Valley Way	Cllr. Thompson to contact the relevant agencies.
Preparation of media presentation setting out the Council's commemorative intentions	The Council's Communications Officer.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The aim is to have a further meeting in time to prepare a report for submission to the Policy and Finance Committee currently scheduled for 18 January 2022.