

**WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 2nd APRIL 2012 AT 7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT: Cllr W D Tout (Chairman)**

**Cllrs S Ezra, G King and M Cuthbert-Murray.  
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs A McCann**

**G.1736 PUBLIC FORUM. Nil**

**G.1737 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr S Andrews	-	Personal
Cllr S Miles	-	Personal
Cllr D Windess	-	Business

**G.1738 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil**

**G.1739 MINUTES.** The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**G.1740 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.**

**Members' matters arising. Nil.**

**G.1741 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.**

**G.1742 GREAT WESTERN HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST – Claire Litchfield, Governance Officer for Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to talk about the trust.**

Claire Litchfield sent her apologies for personal reasons.

As this has been the third time that the Trust has been unable to attend a Committee meeting with Westbury Town Council, the decision was made for the Health Working Group to meet and discuss this matter further. It was agreed that any relevant information should be forwarded by the Trust and discussed at a meeting of the Health Working Group.

**The Clerk is to call for a meeting of the Health Working Group.**

**G.1743**            **TASK & FINISH GROUP FOR THE TOWN DIARY** – Due to the resignation of Cllr Miles (Chair) from this working group the decision was made to end the Town Diary Task and Finish Group and to incorporate it into the Website Working Group. Cllrs W D Tout & G King to attend the next Website Working Group meeting to update them of their findings so far.  
**The Clerk is to call for a meeting of the Website Working Group.**

**G.1744**            **CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS.**  
The Clerk read out a thank you letter he had received from Stepping Stones thanking Westbury Town Council for their £200.00 grant.  
The Clerk also reported that 116 people had signed up on-line for the Sports relief mile which was held at Leighton Recreation Centre on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Councillors were asked to only contact Barbara Mantle in the office with urgent matters as she is currently involved with the end of year accounts and the arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee events.

**G.1745**            **WORKING GROUP’S REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- a.        Christmas in Westbury Working Group.** Nothing to report. The next meeting is being held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2012.
  
- b.        Queens Diamond Jubilee Working Group.**  
Cllr Ezra reported that everything was in hand. The bunting has now been arranged. The children’s entries for the poster competition are now all in and Matravers School will be doing the poster for the evening concert and street fayre. The commemorative booklet is coming along nicely and local businesses are still being visited to ask them to advertise in it. The church service is being organised by Jonathan Burke and Dai Davies who will liaise with Barbara. The Tea Dance is being run by the Cancer Research ladies. The Children’s Party has been organised. With regards to the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon they are still waiting to be told the time that it will need to be lit. The lighting up of the White Horse would cost £2800 for it to be lit from 10pm for a maximum of four hours and this was considered to be far too expensive and the Tourism Working Group have no spare money in their budget to pay for this.
  
- c.        Website Working Group.**  
Cllr D Windess was unable to attend but produced the following report:  
The main design of the webpage has been signed off and continues to be populated as time allows, all training has now been complete. We are still waiting for some responses from councillors as to what contact details they would like on the website. There are still a few problems which are causing a delay but the site continues to be populated. This is being carried out by a member of staff who has to fit this in around their daily tasks and this is also adding to the delay. We continue to monitor the progress and hope to have the site live as soon as possible but it needs to be right.

**d. Westbury Tourism Group.**

Cllr W D Tout gave the following report:

On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the Tourism Working Group had an informal meeting with members of Westbury Rotary Club who were Mr Cavan Algar, Steve Carrington and John Ridgers. The meeting was to discuss the proposed cleaning of the Westbury White Horse in time for the Diamond Jubilee weekend. Steve Carrington gave a comprehensive presentation on how the Rotary Club intends to meet this objective. This will include a party of volunteers working for up to five consecutive weekends on the Horse, commencing hopefully on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012. Slippage has been put into the works programme in case of unforeseen circumstances and inclement weather. At the time of our meeting they were still awaiting final clearance from English Heritage. This is a joint project with the Rotary Club taking the lead in the actual works and the Town Council assisting in the purchase of materials and equipment for the project. Up to £10000 has been put aside for this project jointly funded by the Town Council and Westbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council. The purchase of climbing equipment has been authorised so far. A provisional allocation of £3000 has been put aside from the projects budget for the purchase of material, supplies and equipment. Mr Callaway, a local farmer, has agreed to supply water and a water bowser for the duration of the project when required, the cost of which will be included in the final costing. The major sticking point on this project currently is the sourcing of suitable paint for the completion of the project. Mr Algar and Mr Carrington are to make further enquiries with English Heritage and the previous contractors. The Working Group and Rotary Club agreed that publicity for this project would be carried out jointly, with the main suppliers and sponsors mentioned in the press and attending the publicity photos.

**G.1746 ACCOUNTS.**

- a) **List of Payments** – Noted.
  
- b) **Monthly Statement** - Noted.

**20:05hrs**

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
this second day of April 2012**

**Chairman**