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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN DARWEN TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY,
MARCH 6TH, 2018**

Present: Couns. Davies, Connor, Perkins , East, Salton, Smith, Slater, Browne and Brookfield.

1>Welcome and introduction:

2.Apologies: Couns. Rothwell, Hollings, Entwistle, and Taylor.

3.Declarations of Interest: Coun East for Friends of Darwen Cemetery, Friends of Darwen Library and Friends of Darwen Heritage Centre. Coun. Slater for Royal British Legion.

4 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

These were agreed, except for the minor amendment in item 10 updates which should have said “ there had been prosecutions in Darwen for waste accumulation and dog fouling.”

4.1 Darwen Live

Mr S. Duncan asked for an update on his suggestions made at the last meeting re possible venues and the running of the festival. Coun. Rothwell, the events committee chairman is to be asked to respond.

5 Public forum

Information re the tender for the events co-ordinator was sought. Coun. Connor said the spec and contract has been drawn up and the job will be advertised shortly.

Information re the meetings of The Friends of Sunnyhurst Woods was sought by a resident. Coun. Smith had passed on details.

6 Mayor's report

Coun Davies had attended a regional hospice event, event at the Red Brick Theatre, and seen a tapestry donated to Darwen Heritage Centre by Herbert Parkinson firm.

7 Deputy leader's report

Coun. Connor paid tribute to the roads department at Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council who had worked tirelessly to keep the roads and pavements open during the recent bad weather. Coun. Browne asked why only pavements in the town centre had been gritted. Coun. Smith said Darwen had a high number of grit bins, which could be moved to new locations if requested. It was agreed Coun. Connor would write a letter of thanks to BWD for their work.

A letter of thanks from the Churches Together representing the food larder had been sent following the donation of £200 from The Mayor of Darwen's fund. Coun. Davies said supplies are low and more food sources are needed.

8. Darwen Heritage Centre

A letter had been received from the centre's secretary Mr Albert Gavagan asking for the second part of the three year grant given by the town council. This was agreed. Mr Gavagan invited the town council members to visit the centre or hold a town council meeting in the centre and it was agreed to ask if the April meeting could be held in the heritage centre.

9. Floral planters

Coun. East said he is working on the autumn/winter floral tendering process. He said Four Seasons who won the tender for the summer is working on a floral project to reflect the anniversary of the suffragettes and the end of World War I. He is also working with the borough council to ensure that the war memorial at Bold Venture Park's floral project ties in with the celebrations. Coun. Slater said he was not sure if extra funding had been allocated by the borough council for this.

The borough council has offered to donate un used floral containers near the entrance to the motorway. Coun. Smith asked if an area of land near the current containers could be cut back and there are plans to try and seek sponsorship for the flowers from local firms.

10 Finance

Received - £1,440.40 – Tristar Printers following payment due for the borough council made in error.

Authorised payments:

£526.35 – Smiths rehire for Christmas market
£210 – Liam Dargan for branding for Christmas market.
£440 – Ignite Parties for face painting for Christmas market. .
£54.85 – James Gibson Ironmongers for Christmas market.
£40 – J. Barritt, PAYE.
£647.39 Rebecca Hay, salary and expenses for clerk.
£25.85 – LCC – clerk’s pension contribution.
£631.60 – Tristar printers – food festival banners and leaflets.
£120 – S. Taylor – social media and website.
£3,000 – 2nd year of 3 year grant to Darwen Heritage Centre.
£280 – Friends of Ashton Park grant for silt removal.
£1,000 – Friends of Darwen Cemetery, grant for World War I project.

11 Correspondence

A letter was received from AFC Darwen inviting the Mayor to a game and to tour the facilities.

The Royal British Legion requested funding towards the Great Pilgrimage 90 project. This is to be referred to the Crown Awards and also to be discussed at the next meeting.

12 Updates

A request for funding from the Friends of Darwen Cemetery for a World War I project were discussed. Coun. Browne proposed a grant of £1,000 and this was agreed with Coun. East and Smith abstaining.

A parks meeting was planned for after the council meeting.

Coun. East gave details of the Remembrance Day project and the work the Friends of Darwen Heritage Centre have put in to remember the fallen soldiers.

Coun. East gave an update on the litter enforcement action and presented a golden litter picker to a local campaigner to mark her efforts.

13 Any other business

None.

14 Part 2 – public and press excluded.

15 Date of next meeting.

April 3rd 2018, 7 p.m. venue to be decided Agenda items to be with the clerk by March 26th please.

