

<b>Centenary End of Great War Working Group</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>
<b>Corporate Policy and Resources Committee</b> For decision	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Leadership and Champion
<b>Outcome</b>	Provide Civic Leadership
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Director of Corporate Services
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	Estimate £15,000

## **1.0 Report of Meeting No 9. held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018**

1.1 The notes of the final meeting are attached at Appendix 1.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council notes the contents of the minutes and makes recommendation to Council in relation to the Working Group's suggestion at Item 6 'There But Not There' request.



**Causeway  
Coast & Glens  
Borough Council**

**Report of Centenary End of Great War Working Group Meeting No 9  
Tuesday 2 October 2018 at 7.10 pm  
The Large Committee Room**

**Present**

**Members:**

**RBL Reps:**

**Officers:**

Councillors Knight-McQuillan (Chair), Councillor McCandless  
S McClements, J McCurdy, M McLaughlin, K McMichael, J Tait, B Mills  
P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager

<b>NO.</b>		<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	Alderman Hillis , Councillors Fielding, Quigley	DCSM
<b>2</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	There were no declarations of interest.	DCSM
<b>3.</b>	<b>UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018</b>	
	The DCSM confirmed that the notes of the previous meeting had been presented to Committee and reported to Council.  DCSM confirmed that a meeting had been held with officers from Council's Estates Team and Health and Safety Unit. Officers would be in contact with their respective representative regarding an inspection of the site and requirements for the evening's Ceremony. Officers would also carry out a trial run of the beacon lighting and complete risk assessments.	

NO.		ACTIONS
	<p>DCSM requested any running orders still outstanding for Beacon Lighting events to be forwarded to Corporate Services for Elected Members information.</p> <p>Additions to the programme were requested. DCSM advised any changes would be made and the programme added to Council's website.</p> <p><b>Ballymoney</b>  The representatives confirmed that the RIR concert date had been rescheduled to take place on:  Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December in Ballymoney Town Hall.  Programme and Town Hall booking to be updated.  Exhibition of WW1 memorabilia confirmed Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November RBL Ballymoney  Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Performance of Private John Meeke/Major Willie Redmond play confirmed 8.00pm</p> <p><b>Limavady</b>  Additional 'museum' event on 17<sup>th</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November – details to be provided by J Tait</p> <p>The Chair advised of an event being held in Garvagh and undertook to provide details for the programme.</p>	
4.	<b>REQUEST FOR COMPLETION OF ESTATES WORKSHEET</b>	
	<p>The Chair and Members emphasised the need for the site meetings to take place as soon as possible in order to finalise all the necessary requirements for the</p>	

NO.		ACTIONS
	<p>events which the Estates Team would provide. They felt that the site meeting would enable them to fully complete the list of requirements.</p> <p>The Chair also referred to the cleaning of all war memorials noting in particular her previous request to Estates on the timetable to have this completed.</p> <p>DCSM to follow up with Estates. War memorial boards transported from Green Lane Museum to Keenaught Suite for exhibition 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November. Liaise with Museum Manager (HP). DCSM to follow up with Museums Manager.</p> <p>Coleraine Request for ‘candle’ to be left burning in Town Hall overnight Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. DCSM to liaise with Civic Facilities Manager regarding options.</p> <p>Ballymoney – DCSM requested that RBL representatives meet with Council’s Car Parks Officer at the earliest opportunity regarding the military display on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	<p>Estates</p> <p>DCSM</p> <p>DCSM</p> <p>Ballymoney RBL</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>RINGING OUT FOR PEACE SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b>	
	<p>The Chair advised Members of the opportunity outlined in A Nation’s Tribute literature for churches to ring their bells at 7.05pm.</p>	<p>DCSM</p>

NO.		ACTIONS
	<p>The WG suggested that all churches in the Borough be invited to take part if wished. DCSM to arrange for all churches to receive the information and invitation to take part in ringing of bells.</p> <p>Contact details were noted for St Patrick's Church Coleraine. B Mills to make contact.</p>	
6.	<b>CORRESPONDENCE - THERE BUT NOT THERE CAMPAIGN REQUEST</b>	
	<p>The Chair presented additional correspondence received. Correspondence from General the Lord Dannatt. <i>"There But Not There's campaign objectives</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>To commemorate the Fallen, highlighting the sacrifices made by so many through Tommy installations across the country</i></li> <li>• <i>To educate all, particularly our younger generation, to help them understand why and how 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel lost their lives</i></li> <li>• <i>To help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other legacies of recent combat operations, by raising funds for our beneficiary charities</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Our Tommies have captured the public's imagination, with installations appearing at the Tower of London, Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland, Big Pit National Coal Museum in Wales and Heart of Midlothian Football Club in Scotland to name just a few. To date, I am thrilled to say the campaign has already sold over £2m worth of Tommies raising significant funds for armed forces and mental health charities, but we want to do more!</i></p> <p><i>The overwhelming groundswell of support from the public has been immense, with thousands of inquiries from the public all asking: "Where can we see the Tommies?!" Many community groups, public bodies, offices, schools and councils have taken part in the campaign by hosting their own installations and this is why I am contacting you today.</i></p>	

NO.		ACTIONS
	<p><i>In accordance with the Armed Forces Community Covenant, I urge you to work with your Armed Forces Champion to activate this campaign in your community. By doing this you will join the nation in remembering the Fallen and help support today's veterans who are suffering with mental and physical illness, while bringing your community together. We want every person in the UK to be able to see a 6ft Tommy in their local community and support this truly nationwide act of remembrance.</i></p> <p><i>Many councils have already pledged their support by hosting their own installations, Lancashire council being an excellent example. As part of a County Remembrance initiative being driven by their Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff, they have already purchased five Tommies to be placed all across the county in public spaces. At £750 each, most councils are choosing to purchase between three to five for their community, to place them in village, town or city centres or close to local war memorials."</i></p> <p>The Working Group agreed that the purchase of 4 'Tommies' for each of the 4 Legacy Civic Headquarter Towns would enhance the commemoration events and provide a reminder.</p> <p>The Chair advised that Council's Corporate Policy and Resources Committee would consider and make recommendation to Council at its meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018.</p>	DCSM
<b>7.</b>	<b>FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE ADVERT</b>	
	The Chair circulated artwork for the WG's information relating to Council's advert in the Festival of Remembrance brochure.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>	
	The Chair advised that a meeting would be held if required for final planning purposes only.	DCSM

NO.		ACTIONS
	<p>The Chair recorded thanks to the Members of the Working Group for their dedication and commitment to the planning of the Programme of Commemorative Events noting in particular the voluntary work done by the Royal British Legion representatives.</p> <p>In response S McClements recorded thanks to Council, its Elected Members and Officers for their support and contribution to the Centenary commemorations. He paid tribute to the co-operation and diligence of the Elected Members and officers during the meetings and the planning of the programme of events.</p>	

**This being all the business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.**