



**Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council**

**Report of Centenary End of Great War Working Group Meeting No 4
Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 6.15 PM
The Stables meeting room at Aghadowey Parish Church**

Present

Members: Councillors Clarke (Chair), Knight-McQuillan and Quigley
RBL Reps: B Mills, J McCurdy, M McLaughlin, J Tait, R Galbraith
Officers: P Donaghy, Democratic & Central Services Manager

NO.		ACTIONS
1.	APOLOGIES	
	K McMichael, S McClements, G Kane	DSM
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	Nil.	
3.	NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 11th April 2018	
	The DSM advised that the minutes had been presented to Council and actions progressed.	
4.	PUBLICITY	
	Programme Details Launch photograph taken prior to meeting at Aghadowey War Memorial. The DSM circulated a draft of the artwork for the events programme (previously agreed by Council) and attached which would be published on Council's website and other social media. Members of the Working Group offered comments and	

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	<p>suggested amendments. The DSM advised that the programme would be updated regularly.</p> <p>RBL concert Ballymoney – date still to be confirmed 13th and 20th October provisionally held.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday Ballymoney – possibility of including erection of memorial to Colonel Knox as part of the Remembrance Service.</p> <p>Add details of Armed Forces Day and Airwaves to programme.</p> <p>Press release</p> <p>A draft of a press release (attached) to accompany the launch photographs and programme of events and previously agreed by the Chair and the Mayor was circulated. Comments were offered.</p>	DSM
5.	BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONIES	
	<p>The Lord Lieutenant/ Deputies confirmed for ceremonies by RBLs.</p> <p>Suggested that a report be taken to Council at same time as report requesting Elected Member representation at Annual Remembrance Sunday Parades for Elected Member representation at Beacon Lighting Ceremonies.</p> <p>The ceremonies will not all follow the same format but broadly similar. RBLs leading on arrangements with Council facilitating arrangements for delivery and installation/lighting of beacons.</p>	<p>RBL reps</p> <p>DSM</p> <p>RBL reps/DSM</p>

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	The DSM thanked the RBL reps who had sent in their completed running order for the Beacon Lighting Ceremonies and requested those outstanding to submit as soon as possible.	
5.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	Tuesday 5 th June 2018 at 7pm in Cloonavin	All

This being all the business the meeting closed 6.50pm.

COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF THE GREAT WAR

EVENTS GUIDE

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, working with the Royal British Legion, has developed a programme of events to mark the centenary of World War One. The programme will culminate in a series of co-ordinated beacon lighting ceremonies to mark the events of Armistice Day in November.

Exhibitions, dramatic performances, concerts and military displays will combine to tell the story of the Great War and how it came to an end 100 years ago.



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All of the events are free and open to everyone.

Date	Event	Venue
Wednesday 11th - Saturday 28th April	RAF Centenary Exhibition	Ballymoney Town Hall
Thursday 31st May	Peace Understanding Our Area - A talk on 'The Search for Molly' project	Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre
Friday 22nd June	Concert featuring The Band of HM Royal Marines - Scotland - at 7.30pm	Holy Trinity Church, Ballycastle
Tuesday 26th - Saturday 30th June	RAF Centenary Exhibition	Coleraine Town Hall
Tuesday 3rd July - Sunday 30th September	RAF Centenary Exhibition	Green Lane Museum, Limavady
Date TBC	Concert featuring the Royal Irish Regiment Band	Ballymoney Town Hall
Friday 26th October	An Armistice Centenary Concert featuring the Trench Memorial Flute Band	Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre
Monday 5th - Friday 9th November	Exhibition of WW1 memorabilia incorporating the War Years Remembered	RBL, Ballymoney and Ballymoney Town Hall
Monday 5th November - Saturday 29th December	1918 Exhibition	Ballymoney Museum Galleries
Thursday 8th November	Performances of the Private John Meeke/Major Willie Redmond play - @ 8pm	Ballymoney Town Hall
Friday 9th November	Centenary Dinner	Ballymoney Town Hall
Saturday 10th November	Military Display 211 Squadron C Troop, 152 (North Irish) Regiment Royal Logistic Corps	Townhead Street Car Park, Ballymoney
Sunday 11th November	<p>ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY PARADES AND BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONIES ACROSS THE BOROUGH</p> <p>Ballymoney Annual Remembrance Sunday Parade and Church service will take place with the Church service commencing at 3pm with the parade being dismissed back at the War Memorial. Lighting of the beacon in Townhead Street Car Park at 7pm</p> <p>Coleraine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal British Legion Parade Remembrance Sunday, Coleraine Town Hall, Sunday 11th November 10:15am • The Royal British Legion Coleraine Branch Remembrance Day Service, Cenotaph Sunday 11th November 2018 10:50am • The Royal British Legion Coleraine Branch Beacon Lighting Service, Coleraine Town Hall Sunday 11th November 2018 6.50pm • Candle Lit Vigil at Coleraine Town Hall with a WW1 Projection <p>Limavady Parade from the United Services Club to Drumceatt Square on Sunday 11th November for a short drumhead service prior to lighting of the beacon. The parade will be led by the Trench Memorial Flute Band. Afterwards there will be a hot buffet supper provided by Christ Church catering committee.</p> <p>District of Moyle - Ballycastle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Service at Ballycastle and Bonamargy War Graves. • United Church Service at Ballycastle Presbyterian Church and the lighting of the Beacon 	
Monday 5th - Sunday 11th November	Town Hall WW1 Display	Coleraine Town Hall
November	WW1 Exhibition the War Years in the District of Moyle, The Military and the Community	Ballycastle Presbyterian Church Hall
Sunday 18th November	Rathlin Island Service of Remembrance and Beacon Lighting including Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine sacrifices	Rathlin Island

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Programme of events unveiled to mark Great War centenary across the Causeway Coast and Glens

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has unveiled a programme of events to commemorate the centenary of World War One.

Working in partnership with the Royal British Legion, it will culminate in a series of co-ordinated beacon lighting ceremonies on Armistice Day (November 11th) followed by a similar event on Rathlin Island on November 18th.

Before then, exhibitions, dramatic performances, concerts and military displays will combine to tell the story of the Great War and how it came to an end 100 years ago. All of the events are free and open to everyone.

The programme was officially launched this week against the backdrop of Aghadowey War Memorial.

The Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Councillor Joan Baird OBE said: "As one of the first memorials of its kind, the monument in Aghadowey provided a very fitting backdrop as we prepare to remember events from a century ago. We have a duty to ensure the sacrifices of the fallen, both then and now, are never forgotten. Our Borough, like many other areas, was greatly touched by the outbreak of war and some of our unique stories will be showcased through this important programme of events."

Councillor Trevor Clarke, chair of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Great War Working Group said: "As a Council we recognise the legacy of the war every year during the Remembrance period and it is fitting that this important anniversary is given the prominence it deserves. In many of the Borough's towns and villages, War Memorials act as a permanent reminder of those who have died so we can live in peace. This commemorative programme of events will allow us to reflect on those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while also allowing us to give thanks for how this has shaped our world today."

A spokesperson for the Royal British Legion said: "At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the French town of Redonthe, Germany signed an Armistice with the Allies which brought an end to the First World War. During the four years of war there were 744,000 deaths and 1675,000 wounded. The Irish Divisions lost over 49,400 and at the Battle of the Somme over one million soldiers were killed. 30,000 of these were in just one day. With this in mind, we are inviting people to join us to in remembering all those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our future."

The programme of events follows a Notion of Motion proposed by Alderman Alan Robinson and seconded by Councillor Mark Fielding that 'this Council pays tribute to all those from our community who served on the Centenary of the End of the Great War' and 'acknowledges with grateful thanks those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom'.

Highlights include an appearance by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines in Holy Trinity Church, Ballycastle on Friday 22nd June while the Royal Irish Regiment Band will perform in Ballymoney Town Hall on October 13th TBC. The Limavady-based Trench Memorial Flute Band will play an Armistice Day Centenary Concert in Roe Valley Arts and Cultural Centre on October 26th.

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council's Museum Services have organised a special exhibition which offers a fascinating insight in to the centenary of the Royal Air Force and its connection to the Borough. Following an earlier display in Ballymoney Town Hall, it opens in Coleraine Town Hall from June 26th – 30th and Green Lane Museum in Limavady from July 3rd – September 30th. In November, Ballymoney Museum will host a 1918 exhibition which examines the legacy of international events on local people and places while Coleraine Town Hall will host a World War One display organised by the RBL.

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