

**CORONATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 05 DECEMBER 2023**

No	Item	Summary of Key Recommendations
1.	Apologies	<i>Councillor Storey</i>
2.	Declarations of Interest	<i>None</i>
3.	Discussion: Members suggestion for a programme of activity to honour and enshrine the memory of Queen Elizabeth II in tangible commemoration across the Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify options for resource requirements to deliver a programme of activity and commemoration • Options for co-operation and collaboration with Partners 	<i>Information – Director of Corporate Services to bring back a report</i>
4.	Date of Next Meeting	<i>Nil</i>

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CORONATION SUB-COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE BANN VIEW COMMITTEE ROOM AND VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCE
ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023 AT 6.05 PM**

Chair: Alderman Knight-McQuillan

In Attendance: Alderman Fielding (C), Councillor Huggins (C), McCully (C), Storey (C), Wilson (C)

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: Councillor Kyle (R)

Officers Present: M Quinn, Director of Corporate Services (C)
I Owens, Committee and Member Services Officer (C)

In Attendance: A Lennox, Mobile ICT Officer (R)

The Director of Corporate Services advised that Alderman Knight-McQuillan was enroute and all were in agreement to commence the meeting on her arrival.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Storey.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. DISCUSSION

Members suggestion for a programme of activity to honour and enshrine the memory of Queen Elizabeth II in tangible commemoration across the Council

- **Identify options for resource requirements to deliver a programme of activity and commemoration**
- **Options for co-operation and collaboration with Partners**

Alderman Knight McQuillan said she had admired the busts of King George and Queen Mary in other locations and suggested busts of the late Queen and Duke in the Town Hall. Councillor Huggins said that a bust in a public place would be more accessible than in a Civic building.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan suggested a modern style silhouette of the late Queen Elizabeth II with Paddington Bear and her beloved Corgis' saying most people of all age groups would make the association with this kind of tribute.

Alderman Fielding said he would welcome renaming of a street in each of the Causeway Coast and Glens District Electoral Areas. Councillor Huggins suggested that the naming of the new Leisure Centre in Coleraine and/or renaming Castlerock Promenade as Queen Elizabeth II Promenade could recognise the late Queen Elizabeth II, with similar tributes in other District Electoral Areas.

Alderman Fielding suggested that the Portrush to Bushmills Greenway, currently subject to a consultation process, could include a commemoration and pointed out that the Greenway encompassed the legacy Moyle and Coleraine Borough Council areas. Councillor Huggins concurred with Alderman Fielding's remarks and spoke of the potential tourism benefits of the Greenway.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan referred to the tree planting projects which formed part of the NI100 celebrations and Alderman Fielding suggested oak trees, which have longevity, would be appropriate.

Councillor McCully felt that green spaces, where people could come together, possibly in a memorial garden, could be an option and Alderman Fielding suggested a garden of remembrance at Anderson Park area in Coleraine in the vicinity of the Northern Regional College.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan said she was mindful of the need for fairness and said she understood that while some may be offended by commemorations, others may be pleased to see these come to fruition.

At the request of Alderman Fielding, Alderman Knight-McQuillan advised that consideration had not yet been given to costings and budgets.

Alderman Fielding was keen for those not in attendance at this meeting to have the opportunity to feed into suggestions. Alderman Knight-McQuillan advised that these discussions were a starting point to enable progression of budgets and allow the Director of Corporate Services to formulate a paper for Elected Members' consideration.

The Director of Corporate Services reminded Elected Members of the Rates setting deadline of 15th February 2024 and advised it would need to be determined whether expenditure was to be Revenue or Capital and spoke of opportunities for collaboration with partners and consultants.

Elected Members discussed the timescale for progressing and completion of associated projects and commemorations. Alderman Knight-McQuillan confirmed that this could be a two year programme of works with budgets potentially being drawn over two rates setting years.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan spoke of grasping the opportunity to collaborate with HM Lord Lieutenant and schools, in conjunction with Museums, as well as reaching out to communities who would welcome having the opportunity to participate.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan said that children could be encouraged to design tiles which would form a feature, referring to a NI100 wall feature at Roe Valley Arts Centre.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan said that D-day commemorations could be undertaken in conjunction with Coronation projects and made reference to inclusion of Standard Bearer's from Royal British Legion groupings at key events.

Councillor Huggins raised the matter of memorial benches as a way of commemoration, however Alderman Knight-McQuillan advised of current Council policy in this regard saying it would not be appropriate.

The Director of Corporate Services advised the Sub Committee that she would summarise suggestions and ideas in a report to consolidate for the rates estimates and that there would be an opportunity for further discussions at the January 2024 Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan referred to how successful the NI100 celebrations were saying that Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council had substantially more celebrations than some other areas.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Nil.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 6.35 pm with no further meeting date scheduled at this time.

Chair