

Centenary End of Great War Working Group	21 November 2017
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee For decision	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leadership and Champion
Outcome	Provide Civic Leadership
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services
Cost: (If applicable)	To be agreed

1.0 Background

The working group established following Council's resolution in September 2017 to "pay tribute to all those from our community who served on the Centenary of the End of the Great War..." met on 7th November 2017.

1.1 Report of Meeting No 1 held 7th November 2017

The notes of the meeting are attached at Appendix A. These and the information contained are **recommended** for adoption.

**CORPORATE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
CENTENARY END OF GREAT WAR WORKING GROUP
MEETING NO. 1 – 7TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Report of meeting No 1 held in the Bannview Committee Room on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Hickey (Chair Items 3 - 7)
Councillors: Clarke, Hillis, Knight-McQuillan

Apologies: Councillor McCandless

In attendance: Director of Corporate Services (DCS)
Democratic and Central Services Manager (DCSM)
Funding Manager

1. Apologies

Councillor McCandless

2. Nomination of Chair

Proposed by Alderman Hillis, seconded by Councillor Clarke and agreed to nominate Alderman Hickey as Chair.

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. Draft Terms of Reference

DCSM advised that a draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group had been circulated to Members. She sought views on the objectives and membership of the group.

Membership: Members agreed to invite representatives from Group 10 Royal British Legion covering the four legacy Council areas, as previously agreed by Council, to attend all future meetings of the Working Group, and advised that they would forward other suggestions.

Members agreed the Terms of Reference with one amendment to the objectives (attached Appendix B).

Members asked that the organisers of 'A Nation's Tribute' 11th November 2018 100 Years of Remembrance' be informed of Council's resolution in September 2017 to participate in the Tribute.

5. Funding for Commemoration of End of Great War Community Projects

Council's Funding Manager advised Members that a report on Grant Funding Programmes 2018-19 would be presented at Council's Leisure and Development Committee Meeting on 14th November. The report outlines a possible new grant programme 'Commemoration Fund' for 2018-19 Grant Funding Period for community projects which would provide groups with a chance to discover more about our history and to commemorate significant events which have shaped our present, for example, the Centenary of the End of the Great War.

Members noted the information.

6. Budgetary Provision

Members discussed a budget for the Beacons of Light Tribute events on 11th November 2018.

Following discussion Members agreed that detail on costs associated with the delivery of these events be brought to the next meeting of the Working Group so that Members would have information on which to recommend an appropriate level of budgetary provision.

7. Confirmation of Representation from other bodies

Members agreed, as discussed earlier in the meeting, to consider other groups for inclusion on the Working Group in addition to the Royal British Legion.

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.



Centenary End of Great War Working Group Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To plan and co-ordinate the Borough's participation in the Beacons of Light National Tribute on 11th November 2018.

2. Background

- 2.1 At Council's meeting held on 22nd August 2017 the Notice of Motion proposed by Alderman Robinson, seconded by Councillor Fielding was agreed.

"That this Council pays tribute to all those from our community who served on the Centenary of the End of the Great War, acknowledges with grateful thanks those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom and do so by participating in the Beacons of Light National Tribute on the 11th November 2018 and further propose the establishment of a Group to include key stakeholders to plan this important event."

Alderman Robinson's supporting statement noted:

"The Beacons of Light tribute is to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1, the fallen of the conflict and expresses this Borough's grateful thanks to all those, from the entire community, who did not return home or who came home forever changed by their experiences. History recalls the words of the foreign Minister of the time Sir Edward Grey on August 3rd 1914 "the lights are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime". How appropriate then it is to remember the injured and fallen with Beacons of Light. Those injured and fallen are our Beacons of Light to free speech and democracy. The memory of their sacrifice must light our path to the future. In November 2018 it will be 100 years since the end of WW1 and the tribute I am (Alderman Robinson) proposing will be part of the national commemorations and thanksgiving. In this Borough we can all look at the war memorials in our towns and villages and the price a generation paid is literally written in stone. These men who went to war came from all sections of society, some even told lies about their age to be allowed to fight, and the Lord of the manor fought alongside the farm hand. War does not respect

someone's position in life, many from all aspects of society did not come home. I have brought this motion as I was contacted by Limavady Branch Royal British Legion, who thought it would be appropriate for this council to show community leadership and have an event marking the centenary of the end of the war. This would be done in conjunction with the RBL, our Council's Veterans' Champion, local clergy and any other local organisation with a vested interest who wished to participate in paying tribute to the fallen. To ensure plenty of time for organisation I felt now was the appropriate time as Ypres and Passchendaele are in the headlines. It is my firm conviction that Causeway Coast & Glens should give Civic leadership in what is an historical event of national importance. I would like to see each of the former council headquarters; Ballymoney, Ballycastle, Coleraine & Limavady, having a beacon so that the element of local respect is enhanced for the commemoration events.

This can only be achieved if a sub group helps co-ordinate the events by working with all interested organisations, veteran's groups, regimental associations and the local clergy to help ensure a commemoration that can be as locally relevant as is possible. As a council we should take the lead in giving thanks for the end of the war but also to pay due respect to those who gave their all. There are many families in The Causeway Coast and Glens Borough who remember with pride relatives who participated in this most awful of wars, it is fitting that they realise that we, as their local council representatives, recognise and honour the service given. I am proposing this motion as too many people from Causeway Coast and Glens were left on foreign fields to forever rest, and as a mark of respect to those who made it home to their families and who are deserving of our remembrance and appreciation. As a council we will, by these commemorative events, lead this areas acknowledgement of history and do our civic duty by leading respectful events that will properly mark the centenary and express our hopes for the continuance of peace. I ask all my fellow elected representatives to support."

2.2 Objectives

- ~~Provide a collective forum for Elected Members and community stakeholders to work in partnership to mark the Centenary of the End of World War 1 across the Borough.~~
- Provide civic leadership to mark the Centenary of the End of World War 1 across the Borough
- Recommend a programme of local events in the Borough to commemorate the Centenary.
- Plan for the delivery of events in Ballymoney, Ballycastle, Coleraine and Limavady in November 2018.
- Recommend a level of budgetary provision for the delivery of events.

3. Membership

6 Elected Members (by d'Hondt from Corporate Policy and Resources Committee membership).

- Councillor Knight-McQuillan
- Councillor Clarke
- Alderman Hillis
- Councillor McCandless
- SF – no nomination
- Alderman Hickey

Other interested groups (number and detail to be confirmed)

- Royal British Legion – Group 10 Veterans' Associations
- Other

4. Chair

The Working Group will be chaired by (the nomination agreed at the first meeting). Agreed Alderman Maura Hickey.

5. Meetings

The Working Group will meet at least quarterly and as required.

6. Secretariat

Officer support will be provided by the Director of Corporate Services and Democratic and Central Services Manager and by officers from other departments as required.