

Minutes of the Town Team

20th January 2023, Isambard House

Present: Peter Ryland, Jo Grail, Brenda Samuels, Hilary Frank, Sheila Lennox Boyd, Richard Bickford, Sarah Gillies and Rachel Bullock. Steve Miller (late arrival)

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Martin Worth
- 2) **NOTES OF LAST MEETING** – Approved.
- 3) **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
- 4) **BRUNEL BENCH UNVEILING** – We are waiting for permission form the council according to Sinead. Need to double check the paperwork is completed. BS will chase this up.

When the bench is ready it was agreed that we will ask the mayor to unveil the bench in a ceremony. Possible date for unveiling April 15th or 16th or May 2nd (the day the RAB was opened in 1859)

Suggestions from TT of who to invite to the unveiling ceremony:

- The mayor
- STC members
- Town Clerk
- Town Team members
- Jo Baskott
- workshop designers/builders of the bench
- Catherine Thompson
- Saltash Heritage
- Children from Brunel School
- The Brunel Pub
- The Observer/Voice newspapers
- TV crews

R.Bickford will contact Adrian Chapman to ask if he would like to come along to the opening dressed as Brunel.

- 5) **BANNERS ON LAMP POSTS** – BS stated that in 2019 we had banners on lampposts which were popular and brightened up the Town Centre. At the time local businesses sponsored the signs. BS says we have money left in the pot to buy some again. Cost £2150 for 12 (3mtrs high) £30.00 cost per banner for design, £100 for a pair of banner hangers. We need to speak to CT about it to adapt the 106 application. Also, we need to check with STC to see if they are happy with the banner proposal.

Brenda will write to Cornwall Council to ask what type/size of banner we would be allowed. We need to decide whether to fund the banners ourselves or to part fund them with sponsors like last time.

- 6) **SATURDAY MUSIC ON SPEAKER SYSTEM** – We have had negative and positive feedback with regards to the speakers being played last Saturday. Reports that the sound levels are not equal throughout the street, some areas were too loud, some too quiet. The type of music being played wasn't to everyone's taste. HF suggested we played the speakers every other week or maybe once a month. R.Bullock suggested that they are played on the same Saturday as "Meet your Councillor" so the councillors are there in the street to take any feedback. HF also suggested trying buskers in Fore Street and have that played across. R.Bickford stated that we would need to look in to the PRS license with reference to playing live music. BS stated that Pete S has many play lists that can be used. Suggestions were put across that themed play lists could be played throughout the year. Romantic music on Valentine's Day and Cornish music to be played on St Piran's Day for example.
- 7) **TOWN LEAFLET** – R.Bullock has started working on the leaflet, however there were various opinions on how detailed the leaflet should be and how it should be presented. A Town leaflet working group has been set up. R.Bullock, R.Bickford, HF and JG will meet in No8, 9am on 1st February to discuss further.
- 8) **TREES IN PLANTERS** – R.Bickford states that the new trees can come from the Services budget. Any new planters would need to be supplied by the Town Team.
- 9) **AOB** – SLB pointed out that one of the complaints from "Meet your Councillor" was that the poster in the bottom bus shelter is blocking the Stop By shop window. Apparently, this has reduced trade in the shop. This is a CC issue not Town Teams.

Next meeting TBC