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## **Minutes of a meeting of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 via ZOOM**

**Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.45pm**

**Councillors Present:** George Adam [Chair], Faraz Ahmad, Zafar Ali, Patricia Hannah-Wood and Mohammad Kamran Latif

**Absent Councillors:** Omar Ahmed, Nazeem Hayat and Mashuq Hussain [OBE]

**Non-Councillor (without voting rights):** None

**Observing Councillors (not a member of the committee):** None

**Officers:** Nick Harbour – Assistant Town Clerk [minute taker], Charlotte Bill - Facilitator

**Members of the Public:** Gary Webb and Kevin Webb

2020/019 (UWB)	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>No apologies were received for this meeting.</p>
2020/020 (UWB)	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u></b> To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest.</p> <p>None.</p>
2020/021 (UWB)	<p><b><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u></b> To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.</p> <p>Gary Webb and Kevin Webb were present for the meeting to provide input on items 5 and 6 if required.</p>
2020/022 (UWB)	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b> To approve the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on 30 September 2020 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on the 30 September 2020 be confirmed as a true record and be</p>

Signed Chair: .....

Dated: .....

	signed by the Chair.
2020/023 (UWB)	<p><b><u>HERITAGE LOTTERY BID UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS</u></b></p> <p>To receive an update on the progress being made around the work being carried out following the successful Heritage Lottery bid relating to the suffragist Selina Cooper and the Unity Hall in Nelson, Lancashire and to discuss the next steps.</p> <p><b>Note – Councillor Adam momentarily lost internet connection. Councillor Ali took over the Chair temporarily until Councillor Adam returned:</b></p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and  <b>RESOLVED:</b> That Councillor Zafar Ali takes over the Chair in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee to allow the meeting to continue until Councillor Adam could regain internet connection.</p> <p>The Project Facilitator, Charlotte Bill, briefly ran through a list of jobs which she had undertaken since starting the role at the beginning of October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We collected memories from ITHAAD, finding out the history of their organisation and adding their reports to the reading room, adding their history to the history displays and leaflets.</li> <li>• Gary Webb collected memories from Spydercraft Peter Bilo, via Facebook. A woman who's grandparents were involved in the building.</li> <li>• Films were collected relevant to the project, to be used as online teaching resources.</li> <li>• The Burnley students were scheduled to begin engaging with the heritage on November 3rd with a college presentation followed by a visit and walk to the Clarion House. Unfortunately this had to be postponed to December 3rd due to the Covid -19 situation.</li> <li>• Councillor Mashuq Hussain has passed on the sample session to relevant teachers at Marsden Heights.</li> <li>• UCLAN discussions went well. UCLAN students will be creating a booklet using primary sources we can supply by email.</li> <li>• UCLAN lecturers will write an introduction for the booklet and will provide oral history training for our volunteers. We plan to engage the Burnley and Nelson and Colne students and other volunteers with this opportunity.</li> <li>• The leaflet has been printed, designed by Camilla Statham.</li> <li>• The café display is at the printers - Textstyles suggested wall papering the design onto the wall which required a re sizing of the image.</li> <li>• We have collected additional information and copies of documents from Dr Alison Ronan.</li> <li>• Gary has filed and labelled the ILP archive information. Charlotte scanned Jack Burrows news clippings files.</li> <li>• Plans are in place for the next displays which will be about Nelson Conscientious Objectors and the Women's Peace Crusade in Nelson. Sue Nike and Dr Alison Ronan led on these plans. Designer Becky Perry has begun work on these which will be ready in early December</li> <li>• A page of photographs and information has been added to Nelson Town Council website.</li> <li>• We are discussing the impact of the virus on the plans for the project</li> <li>• We are creating online resources for UCLAN and Burnley students.</li> </ul> <p>A request was also made to allow the painting of the walls outside the Revive café to be carried out to prepare for some new artwork to be installed in the coming weeks:</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the walls outside the Revive café are to be painted by the Handyman using the leftover supplies from the work carried out upstairs in the Selina Cooper Hall.</p> <p><b>Note – Councillor Adam returned to the meeting and continued to Chair until its conclusion.</b></p> <p>Members noted the update and thanked Charlotte for attending the meeting.</p>
2020/024 (UWB)	<p><b><u>FRIENDS GROUP CONSTITUTION</u></b> To consider the draft Friends Group Constitution in relation to the Selina Cooper Project provided by Kevin Webb.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Adam, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That Friends Group Constitution is not required at this moment in time as the Town Council have their own constitution. This item may be brought to a future meeting of this committee in 2021.</p>
2020/025 (UWB)	<p><b><u>CLOSURE OF UNITY HALL DURING LOCKDOWN</u></b> To consider a time frame for the re-opening of Unity Hall. This includes the opening of the offices, Revive Café and hall hire.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Ali, and <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Unity Hall is to remain closed for the time being due to the Covid-19 levels remaining high in the local area. This will be reviewed again in the new year.</p>
2020/026 (UWB)	<p><b><u>DEFIBRILLATOR</u></b> To receive an update on the latest in relation to the purchase of a defibrillator for the Unity Wellbeing Centre.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk notified Members that the new defibrillator has now been ordered and is due to arrive next week. An electrician will be called once the defibrillator arrives and they will be asked to install the hard casing on the side wall outside the Unity Wellbeing Centre so that residents in the area can access is at all times should there be a need.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2020/027 (UWB)	<p><b><u>HOLIDAY HUNGER PROGRAMME</u></b> To receive an update from the Assistant Town Clerk in relation to the recently approved Holiday Hunger Programme.</p> <p>Following on from a recent approval of a Holiday Hunger Programme at the last Full Council meeting, the Assistant Town Clerk has been in touch with three local charities about the Revive Café helping to prepare meals for vulnerable residents of Nelson. All three (Salvation Army, Nelson Community Masjid and Inspiring Grace) have expressed an interest.</p> <p>The Catering Co-Ordinator will be providing meals for 50 service users at the Salvation Army on Tuesday's and Friday's. The other two charities are yet to agree which days they will be requiring assistance.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2020/028 (UWB)	<p><b><u>LAND AT SIDE OF UNITY HALL</u></b> To discuss the condition of the private land next to the Unity Hall.</p> <p>Councillor Ali had again recently highlighted this issue at the Policy and Resources committee held by Pendle Borough Council. Some progress has now been made in that the landowner has recently been issued with a s215 notice, instructing them to have the land tidied.</p>

	<p>Members also discussed the possibility of approaching the land owner once again in the new year to discuss purchasing the land so that it can be transformed into something residents can benefit from. A previous approach for the land was made but Members felt that the asking price was too expensive. Members will review the situation in the new year once more detail is known as to what the owners current plans are for the site.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2020/029 (UWB)	<p><b><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u></b></p> <p>To notify the Assistant Town Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting. To discuss the condition of the private land next to the Unity Hall.</p> <p>No items were suggested for a future agenda.</p>
2020/030 (UWB)	<p><b><u>DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING</u></b></p> <p>To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24th February at 7.00pm, Unity Wellbeing Centre.</p> <p>The date was noted by Members.</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.45pm.</p>