



**Minutes of a meeting of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee
held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 via ZOOM**

Commenced: 7.00pm - Concluded: 7.25pm

Councillors Present: Zafar Ali [Chair], Faraz Ahmad, 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: None

2020/031 (UWB)	<p><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Clerk prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Zafar Ali and Patricia Hannah-Wood are approved and accepted.</p> <p>In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee, a Chairman was appointed to lead the meeting:</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and RESOLVED: That Councillor Zafar Ali chair this meeting in the absence of Councillors George Adam and Nazeem Hayat.</p>
2020/032 (UWB)	<p><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</u> 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>
2020/033 (UWB)	<p><u>ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> 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>No public present.</p>

2020/034 (UWB)	<p><u>MINUTES</u> To approve the draft minutes of the Extraordinary Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on 25 November 2020 (previously circulated).</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Hannah-Wood and Seconded by Councillor Latif, and RESOLVED: That the draft minutes of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee meeting held on the 27 January 2021 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chair.</p>
2020/035 (UWB)	<p><u>HERITAGE LOTTERY BID UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS</u> 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>The Project Facilitator, Charlotte Bill, briefly ran through a list of jobs which she had been working on since the last meeting of this committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session with Burnley College A level law and politics students. • Good response, lots of questions about suffrage and equal opportunities, struggle to get worker’s rights. Invitation to run a further session with UCLAN at Burnley. • The project mid-point meeting took place. • Kevin and Gary Webb, Nick Harbour, Sue Nike discussing progress of the project and troubleshooting problems arising. • Online resources created for schools and colleges, available via Nelson Town Council Unity Hall pages. • Conscientious Objectors and Women’s Peace Crusade displays written, designed by Becky Perry, checked, ready to go to print, waiting for final images. • January 4th Online session for Nelson and Colne Art students. Successful. Follow on support for students individual projects. Resources sent over. • Sessions for Nelson and Colne history students postponed until after lockdown. • Research material sent over to UCLAN for students. • Marsden Heights sent reminders about the online resources. • Launch planned. • Booklet written by Kevin Webb. • Mobile display written and researched, Photographs cleared for use from archives. <p>Charlotte had a number of questions were raised in terms of when Unity Hall would be re-opening to showcase the project and next steps. This was dealt with in the next agenda item.</p> <p>Members noted the update and thanked Charlotte for attending the meeting.</p>
2020/036 (UWB)	<p><u>CLOSURE OF UNITY HALL DURING LOCKDOWN</u> 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>The Government had recently released guidelines in terms of the way out of lockdown, and what this means for the re-opening of local businesses and community centres.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Ali and Seconded by Councillor Hannah-Wood, and RESOLVED: That the following steps be taken in relation to the re-opening of the Unity Wellbeing Centre:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Assistant Town Clerk to meet with the Project Facilitator to discuss the potential of having up to 15 students visit the Selina Cooper Hall in April 2. That the Assistant Town Clerk and the Project Facilitator discuss a more formal opening of the building with a potential launch date for the opening of the Selina Cooper displays

	<p>in May.</p> <p>3. That all staff based at the Unity Hall meet with a view to discuss the re-opening of the Revive Café and looking to take bookings for hall hire in May/ June pending on further guidance from the Government.</p> <p>Action: The Assistant Town Clerk to set up these meetings as soon as possible. The outcomes can then be discussed at the next meeting of the Unity Wellbeing Management Committee due to take place at the end of March.</p>
2020/037 (UWB)	<p><u>DEFIBRILLATOR</u> To note the installation of the defibrillator for the Unity Wellbeing Centre.</p> <p>The Chairman notified those present that the defibrillator has now been installed on the side of Unity Hall. Residents have welcomed this addition to the building. It has been publicised on Facebook and there is also a small article going out in the Spring 2021 newsletter to notify residents who don't already know it's there that it is available for the public to use if necessary.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2020/038 (UWB)	<p><u>LAND AT SIDE OF UNITY HALL</u> 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. The item is due to be discussed further at the Nelson Area Committee meeting which Councillor Ali will be in attendance and press for further action. Will Unity Hall due to re-open in the next few weeks, Councillors stated it was important to have the matter resolved before visitors start to come back to the building.</p> <p>Members noted the update.</p>
2020/039 (UWB)	<p><u>ANY ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION FOR A FUTURE AGENDA</u> To notify the Assistant Town Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reopening of Unity Hall • Cleansing of Unity Hall
2020/040 (UWB)	<p><u>DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING</u> To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24th March at 7.00pm, Unity Wellbeing Centre.</p> <p>The date was noted by Members.</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the Chair at 7.25pm.</p>