

**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARMED FORCES WORKING GROUP HELD AT THE
COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2017
COMMENCING AT 6.30 PM**

PRESENT

Councillor G A Boulter (Chair)

COUNCILLORS

J W Boyce
D M Carter
Mrs S Z Haq

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

M W L Hall (Chief Executive)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors Miss A R Bond, R F Eaton, Mrs L Eaton, R E Fahey and Mrs S B Morris.

2. NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2017

RESOLVED THAT:

The notes of the meeting held on 22 March 2017 were approved.

3. UPDATE REPORT

World War 1 Commemoration Events

The Working Group noted the report and that they await further information from South Wigston regarding any new proposal to hold a community event as the planned event for August 2017 had to be cancelled.

The Working Group agreed that they would like to see a Borough wide event take place to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I, ideally on the afternoon of Sunday 11 November 2018 after the remembrance events. The feasibility, format and nature of any such event would be totally dependent upon the availability and participation of the regular army.

RESOLVED THAT:

The Chief Executive to write to Leicestershire County Council to obtain a contact point for the regular army and then to subsequently contact them to find out their availability and willingness to participate in such an event.

The Chief Executive to also write to Leicestershire County Council to see if there will be any dignitaries in Leicestershire from the Royal Household on that date who could also participate.

World War I Commemorative Benches

RESOLVED THAT:

The Working Group agreed that a commemorative bench should be provided for each of the three towns and that the cost of £1,500 per bench should form part of the 2018/19 Capital Programme.

Each of the Forums should be consulted as to where they would like the commemorative bench to be sited prior to the 100 year anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Remembrance Day Events 2017

RESOLVED THAT:

The Council should continue to liaise with the Police over the Wigston Parade and take their advice on risk and the implications of the Police presence being significantly reduced from 14 officers to two officers.

If for some reason the contingency at the Wigston Parade are not be able to take place, that as a minimum the church service should still continue.

The Future Work of the Working Group

RESOLVED THAT:

The Chief Executive should identify an appropriate resource to work with the Working Group on policy and coordinating events. That person would then agree with the Working Group what its priorities and focus will be.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45 PM



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Chair
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Thursday, 22 March 2018
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