

**MINUTES FROM MEETING OF CROMER WAR MEMORIAL WORKING GROUP
HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 12.00PM AT NORTH LODGE**

Present: Chair Cllr. David Pritchard – Cromer Town Council,
Yvonne Nolan, David Russell, John Needham, Julie Chance, Janet Warner

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Tim Adams and Robin Lilley.

2. Grant Funding application

David Pritchard summarised the reason for calling the meeting and read out the response from the War Memorial Trust in respect of the grant application. It was noted that the WMT will not provide any grant funding if additional names are engraved on the memorial and that they are undecided on the replacement of the figures. Concern was raised that if only parts of the figures are replaced they will continue to deteriorate and will need replacing in the near future. If we continue with the grant application, consideration will have to be given to refunding the monies raised for the sponsorship of the names.

The Clerk advised that the current fundraising balance is £23,282 and the lowest guideline quotation for the works was £42K. The lowest quotation to employ a Conservation Accredited Professional was £3k but if the grant application does not progress an accredited professional will not be required. It is hoped that the faculty could be applied for via the church thus saving another £300.

It has been recommended by members of the Works and General Purposes Committee that £20k is transferred towards the project from surplus funds from a cemetery project. It was unanimously **AGREED** to support the recommendation from the Works & General Purposes Committee.

A press report will be issued following the meeting of full council on 20 February 2017.

Fundraising and the raising of awareness will continue with the next events being the Community Open Day, the Crab and Lobster Festival and Armed Forces Day.

3. WW1 Beacon

It was noted that the War Memorial Working Group have been passed the responsibility for arranging for a beacon to be lit at 7pm on 11/11/2018 as part of the 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' commemoration. Janet will contact NNDC for permission to use the area near The Old Lookout near The Warren Woods and will register the event once approved by full council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting.