

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SILK FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 11th December 2018** at **10am** in **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance: Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Cllr Janet Jackson MBE
Mike Rance
Graham Barrow
Helena Gowler
Harriet Worrell

Apologies: Cllr Ainsley Arnold, Emma Anderson

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 30TH OCTOBER 2018

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

2. VISITS TO AND FROM XI'AN

2.1 Invitation to visit Xi'an

The invitation remains open and will be given further consideration under the new Town Council.

2.2 Visitors from Xi'an

There is no further update on the Shandan County Government delegation visit.

A delegation from the Qianshangyang Culture Centre is expected to visit in September 2019 with a Chinese contemporary artists' silk exhibition at Macclesfield library.

3. SCHOOLS LIAISON

See 5.1

4. BUSINESS LIAISON

Helena is meeting with RA Smart to discuss the potential for their support of the Chinese New Year celebration.

5. PROJECT OPTIONS

5.1 Silk/Chinese artwork exhibition

Commissioned by Macclesfield Town Council, Artspace with several primary schools have engaged with the Whisper of Moths and Great Wall of Friendship art projects that will be on display at the Chinese New Year celebration.

5.2 Chinese New Year Celebration 2nd February 2019

Helena provided the group with an update of the event which will take place at the URC and includes Chinese catering for 200, a musician playing the traditional gushang instrument, art workshops, a dragon parade and art displays.

5.3 Sculpture/public installation

Graham updated the group that costings for a public installation have been sent to Cheshire East Council for consideration by the town centre regeneration project.

5.4 Resource package discussion

The group was informed that there are no further updates.

6. TASKS & PRIORITIES

That the Silk Friendship Working Group will seek to discuss and identify opportunities with Cheshire East Council to promote and capitalise on Macclesfield's silk heritage.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 SACU & Manchester China Forum

None

8. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th February 2019, 9:30am.

Meeting closed 10:45am.