

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SILK FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION WORKING GROUP

Minutes of the meeting held on **Monday 6th November 2017** at **9am** in **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance Cllr Gareth Jones
 Cllr Janet Jackson
 Cllr Ainsley Arnold
 Cllr Beverley Dooley
 Harriet Worrell
 Pete Turner

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

1.1 ELECT CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Cllr Gareth Jones is elected chair.

1.2 ELECT VICE CHAIR

No vice chair was appointed

2. BACKGROUND

It was noted that the group was formed following mutual growth of interest in the recognition of international cultural ties, the town's historic silk trading importance and the multi-faceted value of closer relationships with other towns, cities and countries.

As the historic and identified western end of the Silk Road, it was considered apt to communicate with the identified eastern end of the road. This is identified as Xi'an in China.

Consideration of locally held artefacts relating to China was mentioned and the Silk Heritage Museums would be contacted to see if a display of suitable items might be possible.

3. GOVERNANCE

3.1 AGREE TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: The terms of reference were agreed with the inclusion of the following amendment:

- i. Additional Working Group members may be co-opted for the duration of a specific project.

3.2 CONFIRM STRATEGY – identify key action points, delivery phases and project handover criteria

The strategy was accepted as circulated with the addition of seeking regular representation or input from schools

It was agreed that the China Forum should be invited to be represented on the group

It was agreed that The Silk Museum would be contacted to inform them of the group's work and aims

It was agreed that Xi'an would be contacted to update them on the formalisation of the council's intentions

It was agreed that the group would have a broad view over silk heritage links, but seek innovative approaches to cultural links

It was agreed that schools would be asked to provide information on work their pupils are undertaking

4. CONSIDERATION OF CO-OPTION

4.1 GRAHAM BARROW

It was agreed that Mr Barlow would be contacted to update him on the group and seek his input as required.

5. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

15/1/18 9am Macclesfield Town Hall