

MACCLESFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

SILK FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION WORKING GROUP

Minutes for the meeting held on **Friday 14th September 2018** at **10am** in **Macclesfield Town Hall**.

In attendance: Harriet Worrell
Cllr Gareth Jones
Cllr Beverley Dooley
Mike Rance
Pete Turner

Apologies: Graham Barrow, Cllr Janet Jackson, Cllr Ainsley Arnold, Emma Anderson

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 2ND JULY 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

This invitation remains, to the best of knowledge, still open. It is considered inappropriate to use public money to fund a visit to China, but members will be able to self-fund if they choose.

2.2 Visitors from Xi'an

Recent visit from Chinese state television, CCTV, took footage to be shared on CGTN. Social media footage shot during their visit was viewed by over 250,000 people world wide.

3. SCHOOLS LIAISON

The group was informed that Tytherington School's Mandarin teacher will be in a position to advise and help the group.

4. BUSINESS LIAISON

The meeting was informed that the Cocoon project was still keen to see delivery of their proposals.

A local business has also agreed to help advise preparations for Chinese New Year celebrations in Macclesfield

5. PROJECT OPTIONS

5.1 Silk/Chinese artwork exhibition

Schools to be contacted

5.2 Chinese New Year Celebration 5th February 2019

Products and advice have been identified with the help of a local business

Fireworks would be a suitable feature for the event

No date set for the Manchester event as yet.

5.3 Sculpture/public installation

A design for a potential mosaic should be commissioned.

5.4 Famous people links

The group was reminded of artist Stanley Chow, who attended King's School.

5.5 Resource package discussion

No further progress at this stage. Some council literature to be translated when possible.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. DATE/TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

30/10/18 at 10am

Meeting closed at 10.45am