

Ernest Stevens Trusts Management Committee – 28th April, 2014

Report of the Director of Corporate Resources

Mary Stevens Park War Memorial

Purpose of Report

1. To obtain Members views on the proposed project set out in the appendix to this report.

Background

2. A letter dated 4th February, 2014, attached as Appendix 1, was received from Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chairman of The Teutoburger Wald Group in relation to the War Memorial at Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge.
3. The Teutoburger Wald Group is a group of World War 2 veterans and relatives of the casualties of World War 2 who were and are residents in the Stourbridge/Dudley area.
4. During research within the area, it had been identified that of the 60 men who were casualties of the 1939-1945 conflict from the Stourbridge/Dudley area, 26 had not been named on the War Memorial in Mary Stevens Park.
5. An application has been made to the Council to add a plaque incorporating the missing names to the War Memorial, subject to the submission of a suitable design and position.
6. Mr Griffiths has advised that he has been in consultation with the Head of Property Services, in relation to the project and is awaiting costings from the manufacture for the plaque and the installation works before submitting grant applications to the appropriate Community Forums.

Finance

7. This Committee is responsible for the administration of the Ernest Stevens Trusts, including the financial affairs of the Trusts.

Law

8. The Council is successor to the former Stourbridge Council by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972.

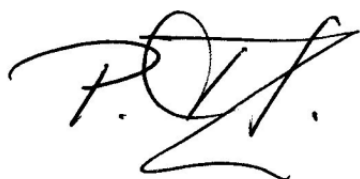
9. The law relating to Trusts, which are charitable, is contained in various Acts, the main ones being the Charities Acts 1992 and 2011 and the Trustee Investment Act, 1961.
10. The power to appoint Committees and to delegate functions to Committees and Officers is set out in Sections 101 and 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. The rules on proportionality are contained in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and associated regulations.

Equality Impact

11. The Trusts were set up to benefit members of the public living in certain geographical areas of the Borough as outlined in the Deeds of Gift. There are no specific implications for children and young people arising from this report.

Recommendation

12. That Members views on the proposed project to add a plaque containing 26 names to the War Memorial in Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, be requested.



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Philip Tart
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List of Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Letter dated 4th February, 2014 from Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chairman of The Teutoburger Wald Group.