

## EASTLEIGH MUSEUM JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14 November 2017 (11:30 am – 12:15 pm)

### PRESENT:

Representing Eastleigh Borough Council – Councillors Bicknell , M Solitt.  
and Irish

Representing Hampshire County Council – Councillors Grajewski and House  
Local Area Manager ( Eastleigh) - Guy Riddoch

Hampshire Cultural Trust - Cerian Trevan and Chris Jones

One Community - Jean Roberts-Jones

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rupert Kyrle

### 13. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

### 14. CURATOR'S REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Curator of Eastleigh Museum which advised that the museum had had an excellent 4 months over the summer and into the autumn with a number of exciting events and exhibitions which had increased visitor numbers.

The highlight of the summer was the Commemorating Southern Steam exhibition that ran from July to September 2017 and was kindly put on by the Watercress Line as part of their Heritage Lottery Fund project, associated with their restoration of Canadian Pacific in Eastleigh Works. As part of this a huge event was organised in the town centre over the weekend of the 15/16 July to Celebrate Southern Steam – the key attraction being a heritage locomotive in the Precinct. This event saw a massive increase in numbers to the museum (and the museum stall) which helped drive up numbers over the summer period.

Throughout the summer holidays One Community ran a train themed trail at the museum which proved very popular and they also hosted the second talk by Dr Becky Peacock (who curated the exhibition) about the CanPac Project.

In September 2017 the exhibition changed over to another local story – Los Niños – about the Basque children who fled the Spanish Civil War and ended up in Eastleigh. During the period of time between the exhibitions, One Community ran a very popular craft fair in the exhibition space which attracted over 100 people each day.

In addition, One Community had continued to welcome a variety of groups and organisations into the museum and run a variety of sessions or drop-

ins. This included, but by no means was restricted to, regular visits from the Good Neighbours group, two care home visits for tea and cake, the monthly Cops and Coffee sessions, and continued to act as a Hate Crime Reporting Centre.

One Community also attended another external event this period – Eastleigh Mela which continued to be a success for the museum with over 500 visitors coming to the stall at the event. The museum was now looking forward to the festive period and would be putting on their first ever Community Christmas tree exhibition where different charities or organisations decorated a tree in a creative way. These would be displayed at the museum to celebrate and promote the work they do. This would all be kicked off by the annual Santa’s Grotto as part of the Eastleigh light switch on event on 18 November 2017.

#### 15. FINANCE REPORT

Consideration was given to the Financial Report and Revenue Budget 2017/18. Mrs Jean Roberts-Jones, Chair of One Community, noted that in the Appendix 1 of the Finance Report, the “Less Income” figures were incorrect. Chris Jones, Hampshire Cultural Trust, advised that he would look into the figures and provide an update.

Guy Riddoch – Local Area Manager for Eastleigh advised Committee Members that Free WiFi would be introduced in Eastleigh Town Centre, which in turn could help with the marketing of Eastleigh Museum. Committee Members also discussed the celebrations of the Centenary of the end of WW1 which the museum should be involved in.

**ACTION: Chris Jones to provide correct figures in the Appendix 1 of the Finance Meeting prior to the next meeting.**

It was **AGREED** that the report be noted.

#### 16. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 13 February 2018 at 10.30am with the venue to be confirmed at a later date.