

Minutes/notes from "Time" meeting Thursday 8th February 2018

Attendees:

Olivia Post

Cllr David Furness

Paul Baker

Mike Dawes

Jane de Garston

Cllr KathrynField

Natasha Williams

1. OP Presented power point slide on different types of Smart Furniture and an outline of what Smart furniture could do and what we would like the Smart furniture to do in Battle
2. Initial thoughts on street furniture in Battle are:
 - 1) Social seating area where devices can be charged, may have a digital advert panel and a photo /selfie opportunity
 - 2) Combined Interactive map (s) and information board and one located near Town Model, others to replace existing maps within the town , also additional maps in Mount street car park & the train station
 - 3) Interactive bus shelter
 - 4) Perhaps something near or in the red telephone phone box
 - 5) Devices could offer advertising space to generate income to cover on-going maintenance
 - 6) Discussed idea of offering free " Battle Town " wifi. NW confirmed that this is something that Battle Abbey are currently working on.
 - 7) NW agreed to pass on contact details for the company that they are using so this can be further investigated.
3. MD updated on progress on the town model. He reported that he had met with Mr Jempson who has verbally agreed to "give" the bandstand to the town to accommodate the Town Model. Mike also gave details of basic requirements that his model would need to operate and suggested a coin slot system which visitors would insert a coin to activate the exhibition.
4. MD had researched different areas of potential funding for his model which he shared with the group. KF suggested there is a dedicated team at the County Council who can help identify potential funding sources and can prepare bids for you. DF thought funding could be raised via Heritage funding. Mike has discussed project with a local architect who would like to work on the project.
5. It was agreed to approach different manufacturers of Smart furniture with our first thoughts on what the street furniture could provide but to also be open to their suggestions.
6. The group would like to this to be an inclusive project to support as wide a demographic as possible and to work with existing attractions such as the geo tourism, heritage trail and English Heritage
7. DF will contact Geo Tourism to discuss how this project could link with their work
8. JDG said that she would not be able to attend meetings in the future
9. Notes from this meeting need to be sent to the External Relations & Town Development Committee
10. OP agreed to take notes/minutes

11. Potential to install seating and photo op at top end of the town were discussed, it was agreed that formal agreement would be required if this was to use any land owned by Mr Jempson. OP agreed to contact him regarding this
12. OP asked if English Heritage could financially contribute to this project. NW said it is worth asking
13. Date of next meeting was agreed Thursday 15th of March at 4pm

Actions:

- 1 OP agreed to contact Mr Jempson to discuss ideas relating to Smart furniture
- 2 Op & PB to contact smart furniture companies and to invite them to present their ideas and estimated costs to the group
- 3 OP to try to contact Network Rail to discuss potential to have a linked board at the train station
- 4 NW to provide contact details of wifi company
- 5 DF to contact Geo Tourism
- 6 KF to provide contact details for fund raising support person at county hall