

Holocaust Memorial Sub-Committee – 13 October 2003

Minutes of the meeting of the **Holocaust Memorial Sub-Committee** held on **13 October 2003** when there were present:-

Cllr R A Amner (Chairman)

Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn

Cllr C J Lumley

OFFICERS PRESENT

C A F Thomas - Emergency Planning & Health & Safety Manager
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

ALSO PRESENT

C Bowler - C J Products

8 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9 HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL COMPETITION

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Chief Executive updating Members on the competition seeking design entries for a permanent memorial for the Holocaust.

Members expressed concern that no contact had been made with the local schools with respect to designing a memorial.

During debate, Members identified ideas that could be incorporated into a design for the memorial, including:-

- doves of peace on one panel, with the other 3 panels depicting all the different worldwide religious symbols
- setting the different worldwide religious symbols in concrete on the base of the memorial
- religious symbols cast in metal then set in stones to be strewn around the base of the memorial.

It was, however, noted that a local architect had written expressing interest in the project and offering design services at a nominal fee that could be donated to the Council's nominated charity. He had subsequently submitted an alternative design for the memorial, copies of which were distributed to Members at the meeting.

Members were favourably impressed by the design, although a concern was raised that some explanation of the symbolism of the design would be

required, should the design be approved. Members were also concerned that oak proposed for the design would, in time, be subject to shrinkage and rotting and, as such, felt that the possibilities of using alternative materials such as, for example, RSJs, should be explored.

It was further noted that the design was on a much larger scale than the original specification, being approximately 6 feet in height and width and 3 feet in depth. There would be merit in the Sub-Committee going on a site visit to the Mill to assess whether there was a suitable location for a memorial on this scale.

It was the general consensus of the Sub-Committee that it was important to aim for the memorial to be completed in time for National Holocaust Day on 27 January 2004. If this, however, proved difficult to achieve, the project should be completed before the end of the municipal year. It was noted that a letter should be sent to the District's churches with an invitation to attend the unveiling ceremony.

On a motion moved by Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn and seconded by Cllr C J Lumley it was:-

Resolved

- (1) That the local architect's offer of design services should be accepted and that the Sub-Committee should visit the architect as soon as possible.
- (2) That there should be a site visit immediately after this meeting to the Mill to determine a suitable location for the memorial. (CE)

The meeting closed at 11.07 am.

Chairman

Date