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To: Councillor S Rabey (Chair)
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23 January 2024

Dear Councillors

Please see supplemental item for the agenda on 30th January 2024.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L A Roberts BA(Hons), PGCAP, FHEA, FSLCC
Town Clerk and RFO

**Melksham Town Council
Economic Development and Planning Committee
Tuesday 30 January 2024
At 7.00 pm at the Town Hall**

AGENDA

- 14. Motion to Take Ownership of Cooper Tires War Memorial (Pages 1 - 2)**
For decision.

MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Proposed by: **Tom Price**

Seconded by: **Simon Crundell**

Dated: **15.01.24**

Purpose of the motion

To take ownership of the Cooper Tires war memorial and find a suitable location for it going forward

Background (Including previous resolution/s made and date/s if applicable)

Every year for remembrance day Cooper Tires employees would leave their work stations and take their minutes silence surrounding this memorial in memory of the fallen. Now that the site is up for sale the future of this memorial is unknown, Cooper Tires/Goodyear still own the site and have agreed for its removal and have experts on hand who have moved it before to support with this.

Current Situation

The memorial is currently situated underneath the Avon arch awaiting its next destination

What financial implications are there?

Unsure of figures but any costs of moving and storing if any

How does the motion link to Town Council policies and core values?

We have a responsibility to ensure we do the right thing for our town and people. This memorial is a big part of many residents lives in one way or another and we respect that

What risks are there? (Provide a risk assessment)

None

What crime and disorder implications are there?

Potential vandalism as with anything that is placed in a public area if that is a destination that is agreed

What environmental and biodiversity considerations are there?

None

What safeguarding concerns are there?

None

. Motion

For the council to contact Cooper Tires and work with their remaining team to remove the war memorial and store it with the council until a location has been allocated

. Does the motion impact/ support any previous decisions of council?

None

Confirmation that the item under consideration has not been discussed by Council within the preceding six months. If it has, has there been a material change and what is this?

No

Please summarise any specific recommendations you have in relation to next steps

Contact Cooper Tires and have the war memorial removed and stores with council. Investigate the feasibility of placing the war memorial at cannon square in the long term

Office Use:

Date of receipt by Proper Officer:

Date of proposed council meeting
for motion:

Date/s of relevant resolutions:
(record full resolution/s here)

Motion accepted by Proper Officer:

Motion rejected by Proper Officer:

Reasons for rejection:
