

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 24 NOVEMBER 2011
title: QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACONS
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1 PURPOSE

To gain an indication of parish involvement in the Jubilee Beacon project.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Parishes should have been contacted by the Pageant Master of the Jubilee Beacons project with details of how communities can use the beacon event as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

2.2 In summary, communities are being asked to consider holding an event, large or small, on 4 June 2012, culminating in the lighting of a beacon between 10-10.30pm the same evening. This will be part of a co-ordinated lighting of beacons around the country, led by the Queen, who will light the National Beacon in London.

3 CURRENT SITUATION

3.1 The jubilee committee would like information from all organisations who intend to take part, so they can be part of a national publicity campaign. The deadline for submissions is 12 March 2012.

3.2 Depending on interest, the Borough Council would be willing to co-ordinate a publicity campaign across the Ribble Valley. It would also be good to see an even geographic spread of beacons across the Borough, and so we may consider how to support this.

4 CONCLUSION

4.1 The jubilee beacon celebration gives all parishes the ideal catalyst for a diamond jubilee event. Collectively, it also provides the opportunity for the whole Borough to mark the jubilee in a spectacular fashion.

4.2 Although it seems a long way off, if we were to agree to a wider celebration event, then planning would need to start early in the new year.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

Notes the contents of the report, and agrees that individual parishes contact the Council's Head of Culture & Leisure Services if they are considering being part of the beacon celebrations. Depending on the interest, the Council will organise a meeting in the new year to assess the merits of a co-ordinated event.

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