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REVIEW OF HERITAGE WALKWAY & HMS URGE MEMORIAL

Members will be aware of the three locations used for the siting of the Heritage Walkway boards; and the fact that the perspex coverings have shown signs of cracking to varying degrees on each board.

Attention is required to bring these covers back to a good standard in the light of the structures forming part of the proposed Heritage Trail around the Town Centre.

It is also noted that whilst the painting of the HMS Urge on the river wall was an integral feature of the original project, there is still no panel affixed to the river railings to indicate the significance of the wall painting and this needs to be addressed as part of the project with any necessary permissions being obtained.

HMS URGE MEMORIAL STONE

Consideration needs to be given for the placing of a stone memorial in a suitable location listing the names of the 44 personnel who lost their lives in 1942.

A suggested location is on the left-hand side of the steps at the end of the Dunraven Place cul-de-sac on the approach to the river bridge.

Such a stone would match the Bridgend Arsenal memorial on the right-hand side of the steps and would be in keeping with this precedent already set.

If this location is favoured, the first step would be to seek the necessary planning permission in this Conservation Area before proceeding to the detail of the project.

An indicative cost of such a memorial in honed granite measuring 800 x 600 x 30mm including the badge of the submarine would be in the region of £3,000 with the actual work taking 6 weeks to complete; and should the project proceed, it would be appropriate to have the memorial in situ in readiness for the Remembrance Service in November.

Members are requested to consider the above proposals.

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