

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by video conference on Monday, 17 January 2022 at 10.03 a.m.

Present: Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillors Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

Attending: Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities, George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator; Jackie Nicol-Thomson, Business Partner, Resources; Sarah Christie, Team Lead, Heritage and Arts; Alan Douglas, Manager of Legal Services; and Lynn Straker and Gabriella Gonda, Committee Officers.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Provost William Hendrie.

Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair

STATEMENT BY CHAIR – AUDIO STREAMING

The Chair advised that the meeting was being audio streamed and broadcast live to the internet.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

RECORDING OF VOTES

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting would be done by roll call vote to ensure an accurate record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

MINUTE OF SILENCE

At the request of Bailie Denis Agnew, Chair, the Committee observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect following the death of Martin Keeley, Environmental Health Manager, who had worked for the Council for 11 years, and most recently was a vital part of the Council's Covid-19 strategic response team.

WEEKEND OPENING OF CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 20 December 2021, a report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities responding to a request from the Cultural Committee to detail adjustments that could be made to reduce the additional costs associated with opening Clydebank Town Hall to the public at weekends.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to continue discussion of this report to a future meeting of the Cultural Committee.

UPDATE – WDC SCOTTISH ART ACQUISITION FUND

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Cultural Committee held on 20 December 2021, a report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities providing an update on acquisitions previously approved for purchase via the West Dunbartonshire Council Scottish Art Acquisition Fund (established May 2021), future plans on this fund and recommending a series of acquisitions for approval by the Committee.

After discussion, the Committee agreed to continue discussion of this report with a request to bring forward a proposal for further acquisitions to a future meeting of the Cultural Committee.

CLYDEBANK TOWN HALL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities providing an update on the redevelopment activity at Clydebank Town Hall in response to the motion agreed at the August 2021 meeting of the Cultural Committee and seeking approval for the works required to conclude the project.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities and the Assets Coordinator in further explanation of the report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the updates provided within the report; and
- (2) to agree to progress the works outlined in paragraphs 4.7, 4.10 and 4.12 of the report.

The meeting closed at 10:18 a.m.