

## **CULTURAL COMMITTEE**

At a Special Meeting of the Cultural Committee held by Video Conferencing on Monday, 5 October 2020 at 10.02 a.m.

**Present:** Provost William Hendrie, Bailie Denis Agnew, Councillors Jonathan McColl and Brian Walker.

**Attending:** Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Alan Douglas, Legal Manager; George Hawthorn, Manager of Democratic and Registration Services; Sarah Christie, Team Lead – Arts & Heritage; Michelle Lynn, Assets Coordinator, Joe Reilly, Finance Business Partner and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

**Bailie Denis Agnew in the Chair**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **TOWN TWINNING AND 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CLYDEBANK BLITZ - UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Regulatory providing an update on progress being made in relation to the visit to Letterkenny and preparations for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz.

After discussion and having heard the Manager of Democratic and Registration Services in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the planned visit to meet with the Mayor of Letterkenny in March 2020 was postponed and would be rearranged as soon as it was deemed safe to do so;
- (2) to note the progress made in respect of discussions with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in connection with the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz;
- (3) to note that the contract to produce commemorative medals for those services involved in helping the people of Clydebank during and after the Blitz had been awarded to Morrison-Ignatieff, Silversmiths, Glasgow following the quotation process;

(4) that the medals be funded from the part of unallocated balance of funds from the Cultural budget for 2019/20 which had now been earmarked for that purpose;

(5) that a total of seven medals be commissioned for presentation to the undernoted organisations:-

Polish Navy (Polish Consul General);  
Police Scotland;  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;  
Scottish Ambulance Service;  
Royal College of Nurses (Scotland);  
Royal College of Physicians (Scotland);  
Royal Voluntary Service (on behalf of WRVS);

(6) that a small commemorative plaque which incorporates the design of the medals be commissioned at a cost of £1500, subject to a variation in the price of silver, for display in the Town Hall, and be funded from the unallocated balance of funds from the Cultural budget for 2019/20;

(7) that an exception be made to the normal procurement procedure to allow the contract to be awarded to Morrison-Ignatieff without the need for a further tendering exercise due to the proprietary nature of the artistic design;

(8) that the Cultural budget for 2020/21 of £25,000 be used to fund the Council's costs in relation to the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz;

(9) with the recommendation of the Working Group on the 80th Anniversary of the Clydebank Blitz that planning should proceed on the basis that the full event would take place in March 2021, with the proviso that it may need to be cancelled at short notice and replaced with a scaled down event involving only the most senior officials and guests;

(10) in principle, with the recommendation of the Blitz Working Group that, subject to approval by the Clydebank Property Company, a large commemorative plaque be located in Solidarity Plaza to commemorate the 80th Anniversary and instruct the Manager of Democratic Services to obtain estimated costs for the works and report back to a future meeting of the Committee;

(11) that the monies previously earmarked for an acquisition of an artwork by 20<sup>th</sup> Century Scottish Women, agreed at the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 meeting of the Cultural Committee, be unearmarked, should it be required; and

(12) otherwise to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in relation to this matter.

The meeting closed at 10.33 a.m.